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SELECTIONS FOR FANLING.

Big Attendance Expected.

VERY GOOD PROGRAMME.

[By "Wombat."] With such delightful weather as we are experiencing at present doubtless a big crowd will turn up to see the steeplechase meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club which will be decided at Kwanti racecourse tomorrow afternoon.

A well selected programme of seven events will be submitted consisting of steeplechases, hurdling and flat racing.

The Kempton Cup is the main item on the card for which there are 10 entries the best of which are Marquis Hall, Christmas Belle, Montana and Target. This should prove a very interesting race and should result in a win for Lady Peel's pony, Marquis Hall.

As You Like It does not seem to have retained his form of last year, otherwise he would be fancied for the second division of the Kempton Cup. We also have to go back some way for Movannagher's best running but Duke of Milan and White Heather both have chances.

St. Moritz should be at home in the prevailing going, and I was so impressed with his showing at the Valley on the occasion he won his last race that I feel somewhat confident regarding the Hon. Mr. Gordon Mackie's chances of annexing the opening race on the programme.

MY SELECTIONS.

1st Race:—
St. Moritz.
Thunderclap.
The Bustard.

2nd Race:—
Duke of Milan.
As You Like It.
Movannagher.

3rd Race:—
Marquis Hall.
Target.
Christmas Belle.

4th Race:—
Fernleaf.
Hefty.
Duke of Milan.

5th Race:—
Cute.
Herga.
Over There.

6th Race:—
Tom.
Wonderful Stag.
Young Pretender.

7th Race:—
Brown Eyes.
Osiris.
Sunning.

FIRE IN CITY.

Three-Storey Building Involved.

INMATES ESCAPE.

No. 63, Wellington Street, consisting of three storeys, and situated in an old block of buildings, near Wellington Road's intersection with Lyndhurst Terrace, was the scene of a fire which broke out at 2.54 o'clock this morning. By three o'clock, the blaze was got in hand by the Central Fire Brigade.

The whole building, the ground floor of which was a joss paper and cracker shop, was involved, but the inmates fortunately managed to escape, and nobody was injured. Part of No. 65, the ground floor of which was an electrical shop, was also burned.

Two hydrants were put into action, and the outbreak was finally subdued shortly after 3.45 o'clock. Extensive damage, the extent of which is at present unknown, was done.

NATIONAL UNITY

A GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE.

FREE HAND

FOR DISSENTERS IN THE CABINET.

Rugby, Yesterday. After a further two hours and a half meeting the Cabinet issued the following communiqué:—

"The Cabinet has had before it a report of its Committee on balance of trade and, after prolonged discussion, it has been found impossible to reach a unanimous conclusion on the Committee's recommendations.

"The Cabinet, however, is deeply impressed with the paramount importance of maintaining national unity in the presence of the grave problems that now confront this country and the whole world. It has, accordingly, determined that some modification of the usual Ministerial practice is required, and has decided that Ministers finding themselves unable to support the conclusions arrived at by a majority of their colleagues on the subject of import duties and cognate matters, are to be at liberty to express their views by speech and vote.

"The Cabinet being essentially united on all other matters of policy, it is believed that by this special provision it is best interpreting the will of the nation and the needs of the time.

Exceptional Interest.

Although the decision is not entirely without precedent it marks a striking departure from usual practice, and has created exceptional interest in political circles. It is understood that the Cabinet Committee which has been considering balance of trade questions comprised representatives of all three political parties, namely, Mr. Walter Runciman, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Sir John Simon, Sir Herbert Samuel, Lord Snowden, and Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister.

The Times states that the proposal which found most favour in Committee was one for the immediate imposition of a ten per cent. general tariff, with limited exceptions, accompanied by a proposal for the creation of a Committee empowered to make more detailed examination of imports and to schedule those which might be subjected to a higher rate of duty in later legislation. The decision now reached will allow Ministers in disagreement with the majority on this issue freedom to express their views in Parliament. It is indicated that importance is attached to maintaining unity in face of the problems of overwhelming significance now before the world.

Satisfaction is expressed in Ministerial circles that the Constitution is sufficiently pliable to permit of a development whereby co-operation on all main issues can be maintained, while allowing this freedom in regard to the particular issue which, for the time being, is regarded as of less importance. — British Wireless Service.

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Rugby, Yesterday. Sir Zulfikar Ali Khan and Mr. Chintamani have been added to the Indian personnel of the Committee about to begin work in India in connection of the discussions of the Round Table Conference. — British Wireless Service.

RUNAWAY HELPS POLICEMAN.

Unusual Incident in London.

A PLUCKY DEED.

London, Yesterday. The unusual incident of prosecuting counsel commending a prisoner in the West London Police Court was witnessed to-day when evidence was given of how a man fleeing from the Police returned in order to help an officer who was in danger.

The prisoner was found lurking on school premises when a policeman surprised him. He fled across the roof, but the pursuing constable fell through. He saved himself by grasping a beam. The prisoner returned and seized the policeman's belt, supporting him until help came. He then continued his flight. When arrested he was found to be badly wounded in the hand. Special leniency was shown to the prisoner who had many previous convictions. He was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment. — Reuter's Special Service.

A DISASTROUS ERUPTION.

Three Guatemalan Towns Destroyed.

OTHER PLACES MENACED.

New York, Yesterday. A report from San Salvador says that at least three Guatemalan towns, Santa Lucia, Cotzumalhuapa, and Antigua are reported to have been destroyed by an eruption of the volcano Acatenango.

A number of other towns is covered with dense clouds of smoke and ashes. — Reuter's American Service.

REVOLT IN SPAIN.

Exaggeration of Its Seriousness.

ADROIT MOVE.

Madrid, Yesterday. Official allegations that a general revolutionary movement has been fixed for Monday are not much credited.

The opinion is expressed that the Government is exaggerating the seriousness of the situation with a view to obtaining general support prior to action against the Catholic Church and against the Jesuits. — Reuter.

FORD "BABY" CARS.

Secret Shipment to Britain.

Detroit, Yesterday. Mr. Henry Ford is entering the "baby" car market according to a Michigan newspaper which says that twelve baby Fords were secretly shipped to Britain. They are under ten feet long, bumper width 55 inches, height 58 inches, with four a cylinder engine eleven inches long. — Reuter's American Service.

When Lord Hawke's team to New Zealand played XVIII of California on the Presidio Athletic Ground, San Francisco, on November 28, 1902, the ground was found to be so unsuited for cricket that each umpire was provided with a broom with which to sweep the ground after each over.

FRENCH GESTURES

FOR EUROPEAN UNION.

LAVAL SPEAKS

NO DICTATION BY GERMANY.

Paris, Yesterday. The "French Government will not allow any Treaties decreed by its predecessors to be proscribed," declared M. Laval in stating France's foreign policy to a packed Chamber this afternoon.

He said that France would only accept reductions of reparations as reductions were granted to her on war debts.

The reparations of the Young Plan could not be modified. All that could be done was to alleviate the charges by the moratorium. France had made many gestures of goodwill to facilitate a European union, but she would not accept that the will of Germany should alone dictate a solution. The same rules of honesty as applied to the relations of men will be applied to international relations. (General cheers).

An agreement between Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and himself in regard to a future Reparations Conference was only a question of time.

Disarmament. M. Laval said that French disarmament policy conformed to the League Covenant, but she would not accept improvisations that might compromise her security. France in the last decade had set an example in reduction of armaments, but she would go further and submit positive proposals for the realisation of political conditions of immediate mutual assistance. The technical procedure of a reduction of armaments would then be easy to work out. He concluded by appealing for a party truce and received an ovation.

Vote of Confidence. The Chamber by 303 votes to 265 adopted a vote of confidence in the Government and rejected an Opposition motion submitted by M. Herriot.

Subsequently a direct vote of confidence was carried by 312 votes to 261. — Reuter.

WORLD RECORD INCREASE.

Polish Population Figures.

Warsaw, Jan. 15. A new world record for increase in population has been established by Poland according to the official returns of the last census published to-day. These figures give the total Polish population at 32,478,000, which represents an increase of 16.9 per cent. during the last decade. During the same period the population of Switzerland increased by 5 per cent., that of Great Britain by 5.4 per cent., and that of Czechoslovakia by 8 per cent. The United States with an increase of 16.1 per cent. comes rather close to Poland, but it is pointed out that this increase was chiefly due to immigration and is therefore no indication of the reproductive powers of the American population proper, while on the other hand Poland lost some 100,000 heads through emigration.

The population of Warsaw is given as 1,234,000 in addition to which the suburbs and villages bordering the city are included, making a total of 1,400,000.

BRITAIN AND ARGENTINE.

Suggestion for Special Treatment.

DEPUTATION IN LONDON.

Rugby, Yesterday. A deputation representing the principal financial and commercial interests directly connected with Argentina was received to-day by Mr. Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade.

The deputation suggested that in view of the extensive British interests in the Argentine, special treatment should be accorded to encourage Anglo-Argentine trade after provision has been made for Imperial requirements.

The committee expressed belief that a plan under which the Argentine might continue to find a market in Britain would ensure reciprocal advantages from the Argentine Government. — British Wireless Service.

LORD READING'S ILLNESS.

Slight Congestion of Lungs.

ACUTE BRONCHITIS.

Luxor, Yesterday. A doctor and a nurse arrived from Cairo at 3 p.m. Lord Reading was examined and his illness diagnosed as influenza and bronchitis. Undoubtedly he is very ill and is believed likely to be a lengthy case.

The Anglo-American Hospital in Cairo is despatching a special messenger to Luxor to-night with medical supplies.

Luxor, later. It was announced this evening that Lord Reading has acute bronchitis and slight congestion of the lungs. — Reuter.

NEW BRITISH INVENTION.

Teleprinter Exchange Service.

AVAILABLE IN SPRING.

London, Yesterday. A remarkable new British invention known as the "Teleprinter Exchange Service," was described by the Postmaster-General, Sir Kingsley Wood, in Birmingham.

He said that it would enable messages to be typewritten automatically between the offices of any two telephone subscribers who had teleprinter machines installed. A typist in one office would type the message and it would be printed simultaneously on both machines. It was hoped that the service would be available in London in the Spring. — Reuter.

SLAVERY IN LIBERIA.

Prelude to Drastic Action.

Washington, Yesterday. As a prelude to the drastic action which may be taken by the Powers at the League Council in Geneva on Monday to force Liberia to abolish slavery, the United States State Department has instructed its Minister in Liberia to refuse in future to recognize President Barclay-Russell's American Service.

The American Minister in Liberia is expected to be recalled to Washington to receive instructions from the State Department.

STABILISE CURRENCY

ANOTHER EXPERT'S VIEWS.

AN EXAMPLE

ALL ADVANTAGES OF GOLD STANDARD.

London, Yesterday. A step toward world currency was suggested by Sir Basil Blackett in a speech in Brighton. He pointed out that a sterling form of international currency was used by a considerable portion of the world, including the British Empire, the South American and Scandinavian countries, Portugal, Egypt, and Japan, etc. If these countries could agree to co-operate in trying to maintain the stability and purchasing power of their local currency and the stability of their exchanges with each other, based on sterling, there would seem a possibility of setting the world an example of a currency system providing all the advantages of a gold standard. — Reuter.

SENSATIONAL LIBEL CASE.

Herr Hitler Sued.

Berlin, Jan. 15.

Special precautions are taken by the Berlin police to guard against any incidents in connection with the appearance before the central court to-morrow of Herr Hitler, the National Socialist leader, in the role of defendant in a libel suit. The plaintiff in the action is Captain Stennes, the former chief of the National Socialist stormtroops in Berlin who, with a number of his personal followers, had left the National Socialist camp early last year, alleging corruption and inefficiency against the leaders of the movement.

Herr Hitler at that time retaliated by denouncing Captain Stennes as a traitor and charged him with having been in the pay of the police, a charge which so enraged the dissenter that he instructed his lawyers to lodge a charge of libel and defamation against his erstwhile chief. Attempts to bring about an amicable settlement failed, owing, it is believed, to the stubbornness of the captain who insisted upon a public retraction of the charges and upon a public apology by Herr Hitler. The case then came up for trial several times, but had always to be adjourned again owing to Herr Hitler's inability to appear before the court.

To-morrow's proceedings are awaited with keen anticipation in political quarters where it is expected that the meeting between Herr Hitler and Captain Stennes will not only produce some sensations, but throw light on certain aspects of the National Socialist movement. — Trans-Ocean Kuo Min.

SHAVING BRUSHES.

The following regulation has been made by the Governor in Council under section 8 of the Importation and Exportation Ordinance, 1915 (Ordinance No. 22 of 1915):—No person shall import for sale or distribution in the Colony any shaving brushes manufactured in Japan, unless such shaving brushes are accompanied by a certificate to the satisfaction of the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services that the brushes have been subjected to the necessary disinfection process.

MOTOR CAR IN ACCIDENT.

Incident Near the V.R.C.

NOBODY INJURED.

A motor accident which, fortunately, did not result in any one being injured, occurred at the corner of Chater and Murray Roads just after 10 a.m. to-day.

How the accident occurred is not clear, but when a China Mail representative saw the cars, one a private car (No. 2428) which appeared to have come out of Chater Road, was standing across Murray Road with its front wheels just off the drain on the right hand side of the road. Against the right of this car was public vehicle No. 401. It was on the right hand side of Murray Road, facing the V.R.C.

The cars were flush against each other, and it was seen that the right front mudguard of the private car was buckled. The public car suffered more damage. Its bumper was lying on the ground in front of the car, and gasoline was dripping from its tank.

Sergeants Britain and Dall, of the Traffic Department of the Police, were on the scene soon after and superintended the removal of both cars into Chater Road, from which they were later removed.

It is understood that at the time of the collision neither car had any passenger.

FEBRUARY

Moscow, Jan. 15.

February has been proclaimed as a "month of defence against gas and air attacks" which will be organized by the Moscow Soviet in conjunction with the local Red Army command. The elaborate preparations for the month include the distribution of over 200,000 gas masks amongst the workers in the city's industrial plants. In addition to this, over a million leaflets with special instructions to the populace will be distributed. Anti-aircraft guns will be counted all over the city, with special stress to be installed in all towers—Trans-Ocean Kuomin.

APPOINTMENTS.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. John Henry Burkill Lee to be Assistant Postmaster General, with effect from January 1. His Excellency the Governor has re-appointed, provisionally and subject to His Majesty's pleasure, the Hon. Sir H. E. Pollock-Kill, K.C., to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council for a further period of four years, with effect from January 17.

His Excellency the Governor has accepted the resignation by Captain Thomas Addis Martin, of his Commission in the Reserve of Officers of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from December 10.

SOVIET VARSITY.

Moscow, Jan. 14.

"Far Eastern University" was opened last Monday at Vladivostok according to a report published by the press here. The opening ceremonies were attended by all that is prominent in the Maritime Provinces, including the chief of the special Far Eastern Army General Shumilov. The new university will specialize in forming an expert staff for the Far Eastern provinces and the Far East, and will also be a center for the collection of scientific and cultural material from the Far East. — Trans-Ocean Kuomin.



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JEWELLERY IN VOGUE.

A Communist And The Pearls.

London, Dec. 16.
It is rather sad to think that most of the big pieces comprising the Bavarian Crown Jewels, which are to be sold next week in London, will in all probability be broken up, as no woman nowadays, no matter how elaborate the function, cares about wearing massive ornaments.

When a young man, writes an Edwardian in the Daily Telegraph, I first went to the opera, in the last days of Queen Victoria, one of the amusements between the acts was not only to study the people in the boxes, but, above all, to inspect with one's glasses the jewels of the ladies, many of whom wore huge stomachers in diamonds and coronets that were almost crowns. The most noticeable of the latter belonged to the Princess Pleiss, the late Lady Londonderry, and Millicent Duchess of Sutherland. Lady Ripon, who always occupied the first-tier stage box, also wore magnificent jewels.

Gone are the days of this dazzling display—and gone, possibly, are the jewels of many. Fashions in Jewellery have completely changed. Many I see are artificial, such is the craze nowadays for wearing artificial ornaments.

It is interesting to notice how the design of Jewellery, like everything else, follows the trend of fashion of the day. For instance, when it was the custom to wear high collars by day, women wore dog-collars of precious stones by night; both disappeared simultaneously. There was also a time when the most beautiful jewelled combs were worn, but as shingling came into vogue combs became unnecessary and impracticable.

In the days of high collars; and in order to prevent the rotundity of his tie looking foolish, a man was obliged to wear a pin—and the larger the tie the larger the pin! Since this highly decorative structure has disappeared and the mod-

NIGHTGOWNS NOW COMING IN.

Seen In Satin Both
Heavy And Light.

Beach pyjamas may be modes of yesterday, but it seems as though the taste for pyjamas to slumber in is on the wane too. In any event, nightgowns have assumed great importance. In the well-known lingerie houses, they are seen in satins, both heavy and light, in pale colours, or a dull ground and gay flower designs, with trimmings about the neck and shoulders. Perhaps a three-inch fluted frill is stitched to a round neck, an inch below the hem. Or a nightgown tucked at the waist is shapely and with brief epaulettes. Capes, quite deep affairs touching the elbows, are accompanied by high waists belted by satin ribbons in two colours.

est sailor knot has taken its place, no ornament is thought necessary by most people, though we Edwardians insist upon exercising our prerogative, albeit our pins are smaller than they used to be.

The fashion in wedding rings, too, has changed entirely. Five and thirty years ago it was considered essential for both parties to wear a massive gold ring as an outward and visible sign of domestic bliss—or otherwise. Then men largely gave up wearing them, and the size of women's rings was reduced. The conventional gold band has been replaced by a narrow hoop of platinum, or, in some cases, a circlet of precious stones.

It is only during the last year or two that artificial Jewellery has attained the perfection which it now has. Many women who are known to have valuable necklaces of pearls never dream of taking them abroad, but have them copied by some well-known firm of artificial pearl-makers, and thereby save a considerable amount of insurance.

Not very long ago a friend of mine found herself on the fringe of a Communist meeting in Hyde Park. Exceedingly pretty and well-dressed, she was wearing a row of false pearls. Suddenly a man rudely shook his fist in her face and asked her what she meant by such a display of wealth. To his utter amazement and consternation she slipped them off her neck and calmly said: "Here, take them."



WOMEN'S TRAINING.

For Professions On Skilled
Employment.

Marjorie Lady Nunburnholme presided at a meeting of that excellent institution, the Loan Fund, that has helped over 500 women to train for some profession or skilled employment. Lady Nunburnholme explained that the Loan Fund started twenty-one years ago with a capital of £500; now has £8,000 at its disposal, and that the whole sum is always on loan. Al-

and it had helped the rather older, insufficiently equipped woman to take up a new career.

The speaker told of a clergyman's daughter, experienced only in parish work, who on her father's death had to earn her living and who after being trained as a governess secured an excellent place in a noble family abroad. "You cannot think," she said, "what a difference this help means to the rebellious, mutinous little girl without any prospects. I remember one such girl who protested that life was not fair. The loan fund helped her, and now she has a secretarial post in a big embassy in Eastern Europe, where she is learning several foreign languages."

"I know of a gentlewoman's club whose qualification is that your income must not exceed £50 a year. Imagine the monotony of a life so restricted. It is from that sort of thing that we want to save these girls by helping them to become thoroughly efficient. We want help now, in the form of small subscriptions or donations or by people holding small meetings for friends who do not know about the Loan Fund so that the news can be spread."

Lady Bryce, president of the Central Employment Bureau and Students' Careers Association, to which the Loan Fund belongs, said it was very interesting to see how the suggestions put before these young women threw an entirely new light on these problems and often made all the difference to their lives.

together the loans made, repaid, and lent again to other girls in training amount to £30,000.

Lord Winterton, giving his blessing to the enterprise, said that at present the economic position of the professional classes, and particularly of the women, was acute. He noted that the fund in many cases came to the help of parents who could not afford to give their daughters a professional training.

Mrs. G. K. Bell, wife of the Bishop of Chichester, said that in her early days it was enough if girls were educated for life. To-day they must be trained for a livelihood, and the ordinary professional man found it very difficult when every daughter must have an expensive training. The fund had helped many girls to complete a course already begun; it had come to the aid of girls bereft of their parents before training had begun.

THE UNCRUSHABLE VELVET FROCK.

Evening Frocks That Are
Delightful In Detail.

Fashion's programme includes evening frocks delightful in detail, and with many differences to distinguish them from yesterday's. Smart and particularly of this season is an uncrushable velvet frock in water green whose strapped back is attached to a high bodice front. Short sleeve styles are original, and so are curiously cut capes which form minute sleeves.

Other lovely gowns have embroideries below the hips mounting high at the back, and when narrow flounces are arranged in the same way one imagines a bustle though the effect is very slight.



"RAIN PROOF."

Old light-weight silk waterproofs when quite past wearing, are sometimes still good in parts. If a sound piece about a foot square can be cut out, it may be used to cover a shopping-basket in wet weather. It should be stitched, with coloured string or raffa, half-way round the basket on the inside, about an inch below the edge. It is then always at hand when required, and at other times it just hangs down neatly inside the basket.

TEAPOT LIDS.

The black, carved knobs on the lids of silver teapots sometimes crack from top to bottom, and, unless repaired at once, they may split right in half and drop off the little silver bolt that passes through the centre. As soon as a crack is noticed, the knob should be firmly bound with fine black thread. There is usually a circular groove in the knob, and if the thread is wound tightly round in the groove it is almost invisible.



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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

FOOTBALL IN THE ARCTIC

LABRADOR'S HARDY FISHERMEN.

(By the Rev. Edwin Maley.)

When I read in The Daily Telegraph that Canada is said to be negotiating a ninety-nine years lease of 75,000,000 acres of Labrador, the news came as a gratifying reassurance. If the deal goes through a tract with vast potential wealth in forests, minerals, and water power will remain securely within the Empire. Nothing else could satisfy anyone who knows how many lives have been spent in making this a British territory and a source of strength to Newfoundland—the oldest, and in many ways the most English, of our Colonies.

Life is rigorous for the few inhabitants of Labrador, but as the land comes within the line of route projected for the world's air traffic it develops in importance as time goes on. We hear much of the fisheries of Newfoundland, but the greatest cod fishery in the world lies thirty miles off the island zone of Labrador. This, with the seal-fishing in the Spring, forms the main source of livelihood for the fishermen, who constitute the population to be considered. It is suggested that in any lease that may be granted the fishing industry will be specially exempted and retained for these brave fellows, and on this point there should be no shadow of doubt.

Sport on the Ice. When I first went there, as Minister of Pinchard's Mission, they were few in number and lived in scattered groups, with little or no recreation to lighten the continual load of work. I set myself to teach them football, and it took months to

get a standard ball out from England. As there was no level or suitable ground, we had to wait till the sea froze over, and as we had no goalposts or the chance of planting them, we used a couple of ice-bound schooners for the purpose.

We played in galligaskins and the usual fishermen's boots, and our style of play would hardly have answered to Association rules. Nevertheless, we enjoyed it hugely, and played robustly. I scored a goal with a rousing kick, but it was the most expensive goal I ever heard of. For the ball went flying over the schooner to leeward, and we chased it down the ice for over three miles, and all in vain. In the end it disappeared round a headland across the ice, and has probably perished after endless cruises around the North Pole.

That finished our game, and it was months before a second ball arrived from "home."

Fresh Cod. They call the cod "the Newfoundland's beefsteak." Those who have eaten it fresh from the water, even with the primitive treatment it usually gets in the way of cookery, would hardly recognise its affinity with the brine-soaked commodity so largely sold as cod in Europe. Another proof of the way in which it monopolises attention is that in trade, as in law, the generic name of "fish" is applied to cod and nothing else. In the early days of my mission work I recall a boat sailing by me once when I was crossing to Newfoundland, and, looking

CLUB WIN THE SIM SHIELD AGAIN.

Army Defeat Navy by Narrow Margin.

By defeating the Royal Navy by a goal to nil in yesterday's Sim Shield match the Army made a present of the trophy to the Hong Kong Club, who are now in an impregnable position.

The Army well deserved their victory in a game which was far below Sim Shield standard. Williams was the pick of a very versatile forward line which was too inclined, however, to be caught playing the off-side game. Johnson scored the only goal as the result of a partial clearance of a shot from Williams.

In, I saw it full. I asked what luck and the owner said there was "not a single fish going."

I stared, and thought he was daft, but that was my ignorance. The cargo was of salmon only, and these were not looked upon as "fish" at all.

Naturally such fare grows monotonous, and any change is welcome. I remember a time when an American vessel foundered, and a cargo of cheese floated ashore. We got cheese, cheese, cheese at every house called at for the next eighteen months, and grew tired of it, but we were sorry after it was finished. What with such plain, unvaried food, and the terrible storms that visit those waters, you may imagine what the life was when the fishers used to take their wives and families along with them, and never put back to shore for weeks. This has since been stopped, and the men have built themselves log and other huts—usually with trees they have had to fell themselves and ship for many miles.

MAKING GOLF EASIER PRACTICE WITH FEW CLUBS

(By Harry Vardon.)

Somebody remarked the other day that it is no doubt evidence of wisdom for champion golfers to be always telling their humbler brethren that the way to improve is to practise in solitude three or four times a week for half-hours, and even whole hours. But, he protested, life is too short, and the ritual of practising is too burdensome in its loneliness, for the average mortal to carry out this policy of making perfect with every club in the bag. He suggested that the best plan would be to select the three clubs that are needed most frequently in a round of the course, and to concentrate on them for the average mortal to carry out this policy of making perfect with every club in the bag. He suggested that the best plan would be to select the three clubs that are needed most frequently in a round of the course, and to concentrate on them for the purpose of advancement. And which are the three?

If we rule out the putter as a necessary nuisance that insist upon being used about twice at every hole, without ever quite satisfying the player of its good intentions, probably the answer is to be found in the driver, the mid-iron, and the mashie-niblick. These three constitute something of a trinity, designed to enable struggling humanity to reach the putting green expeditiously without aid from the various other clubs which every body likes to include in his equipment.

Fashion. It would be rather interesting to watch a score-play tournament among first-class golfers in which every competitor's armament was limited to the driver, the mid-iron, the mashie-niblick, and that inevitable trike, the putter. Probably the scores would be almost as good as if no restriction had been applied to the outfit, and they might conceivably be better.

It is plain to anybody who makes the annual round of the big golf course that even the best golfers are sometimes in a quandary as to what club to choose from a dozen or more for a certain type of shot. The answer is often a matter of opinion, and that is why

this element of hesitation and consequent confusion.

It is one of the little afflictions of the golfing community to demand a well-filled bag of clubs. It is a fashion that has grown up with the game in England, writes Harry Vardon in The Sports Dispatch. It had no particular vogue in the earlier days of golf in Scotland, and until comparatively recent times there were hard-headed Scots of the front rank who counted four or five clubs an ample equipment for the most important occasion.

There are, indeed, some first-class players to-day who accomplish virtually all their shots with an equally limited range of implements, although they carry a considerably larger number—possibly because an attenuated kit is regarded in these times as a sign that the owner need not be taken very seriously.

Major C. O. Hazlet and Edward Ray are examples. The driver, the mid-iron, the mashie-niblick, and the putter, produce nearly all the effects where these two players are concerned, in spite of the fact that they have plenty more clubs at hand.

And if the average golfer is not so restricted in his choices, he probably plays the majority of his best holes with the clubs mentioned. That is because they are adapted more than any others to the ordinary requirements of the game. The driver stimulates a measure of hope and expectancy that makes it the most joyous of all to swing, whatever the result it produces. The mid-iron is a universal favourite, because the depth and loft of the blade encourage the firm faith that it will lift the ball cleanly and send it as far as a mortal could desire of such a club.

The mashie-niblick has rubbed approaching of half the difficulties that it presented when its progenitor, the mashie, had to serve for every length of short pitch up to the hole. And the putter remains as in the beginning, often a source of vexation, but still an essential for finishing off the hole.

Amateur Old Friends. This suggestion of restricting all the clubs to four or five with three or four inches of driver, one or two mid-irons, and a mashie-niblick, and a putter, is a suggestion that will win

principles of striking the ball accurately could be summed up in the three ancient aphorisms:—"Slow back," "Hit with the left hand," and "Follow through."

It must be confessed that for a long while these maxims have dropped and hidden their diminished heads before the widespread advance of new methods. Quick-up-swings have been a feature of the ways of the younger generation; there has been a tendency to establish the right hand and the right side of the body as controlling factors; and an even more pronounced disposition to check the club-head quickly after the impact, as though the follow-through had been proved useless and played out.

It has needed the loss of both the amateur and open championships of Britain to make people wonder whether new faiths are good faiths. Now there are indications of a rallying to the old ones.

It has been remarked that the Americans, instead of adopting the modern British system of hitting at the ball and stopping the club, swing the club-head through the position occupied by the ball, after the manner of the old-time players. The hit may produce a little extra length (or seems to do so because it is so strenuous), but it certainly does not promote the same accuracy of direction as the swing pure and simple.

This view has an ardent supporter in Bobby Jones, who says that although he never had a lesson, he learnt to play golf from the age of five onwards by watching Stewart Maiden, who had then just been appointed professional to the Atlanta Club, in Georgia.

"Stewart Maiden," declares Jones, "had the finest and soundest style I have ever seen. Naturally, I did not know this at the time, but I grew up swinging like him." Maiden was a true type of the old-fashioned Scottish professional, with that freedom and fluency of swing which always marked the "fags" until it comparatively recent years it developed the way of hitting at the ball and finishing with the club pointing straight ahead, instead of following through as smoothly as to using the club-head or head in the level of the left leg.

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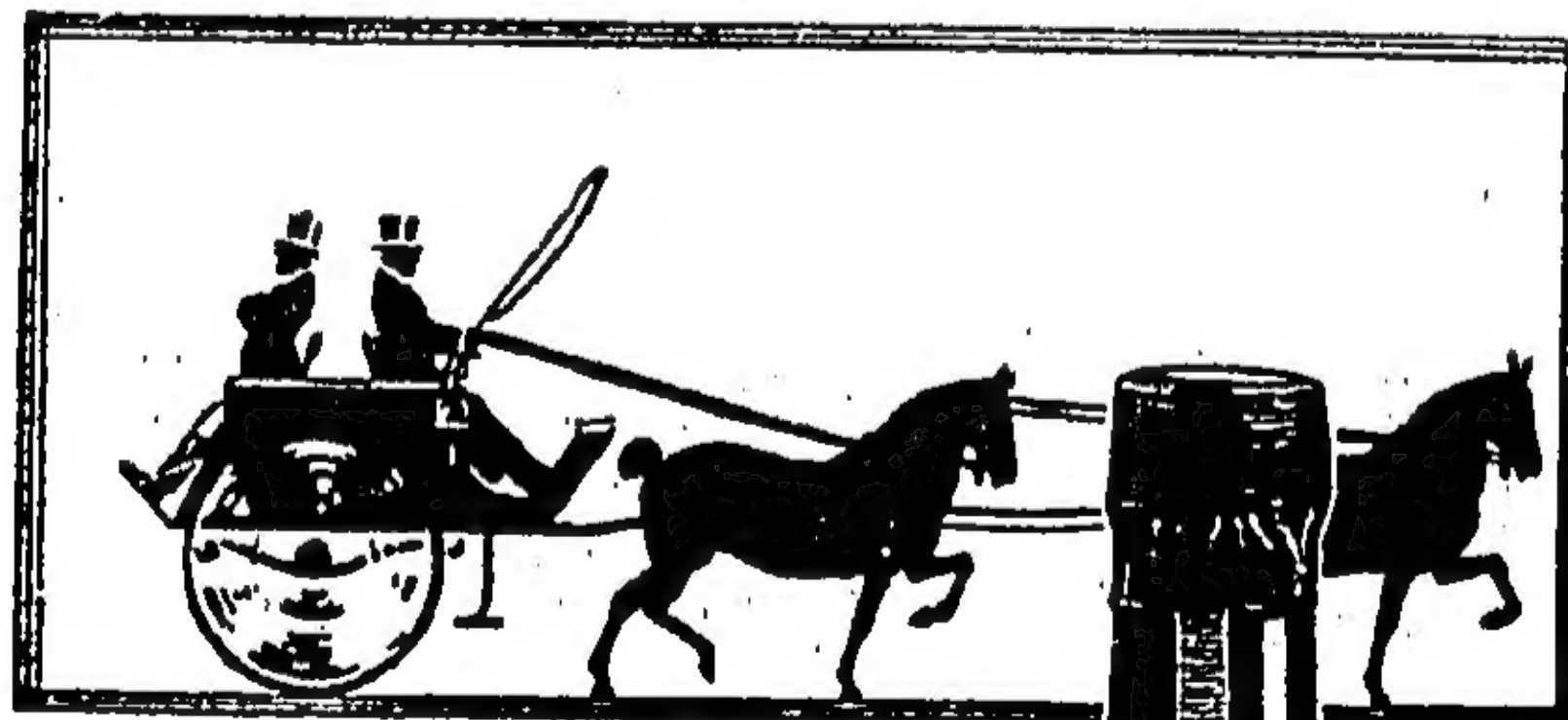
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TO-DAY'S SPORTING ACTIVITIES

CRICKET.

League I.
Indian R.C. v. Craigengower
Friendly.
Civil Service v. Royal Artillery
League II.
Craigengower v. Indian R.C.
Kowloon C.C. v. Recreio
University v. Police R.C.
Sunday's Games.
Royal Navy v. Kowloon C.C.
A.C. Beck's XI v. Civil Service

Probable Teams.
Civil Service C.C. (League):—
B. D. Evans (captain), J. E. Richardson, G. R. Sayer, F. J. de Rome, E. B. Reed, F. J. Ling, F. Baker, R. M. Wood, J. Barrow, E. W. Hamilton and J. F. McGowan.

C.S.C.C. 2nd XI:—
B. C. K. Hawkins (captain), A. E. Wood, J. M. Wilson, S. Randle, N. Bobbington, A. W. Grimmett, F. Matthews, R. H. Woodman, J. F. Wilmott, R. G. Robertson, and R. A. J. Simpson.

I.R.C. II:—
M. R. Abbas (captain), A. R. Abbas, F. M. el Arculli, H. T. Barma, A. K. Ismail, S. Ismail, M. P. Madar, K. Nazarin, A. M. Rumjahn, A. R. Suffad and A. S. Suffad.

Recreio:—
H. M. Xavier, A. Prata, H. A. Alves, A. P. Pereira, F. J. Remedios, L. J. Guterres, Dr. A. P. Guterres, G. A. Guterres, L. J. Silva, H. A. Barros and F. H. Carvalho.

Reserve: J. H. Figueiredo.
University:—
P. L. Tan, G. S. Scully, G. E. Yeoh, K. P. Gan, A. A. Aziz, D. Roy, R. E. G. Leong, C. E. R. Clarabut, M. M. Yababhoj, D. Hunt, and B. K. Ng.

Reserves.—W. K. Choa, H. Ozorio, A. C. Beck, W. D. Foley, S. V. Gittins, F. S. W. Smith, L. D. Kibbee, F. K. Lee, R. Lee, L. Whippa, F. A. Elliott, R. R. Davies and J. M. Sunley.

Civil Service C.C.:—
J. E. Richardson (captain), R. M. Wood, J. F. McGowan, B. C. K. Hawkins, N. Bobbington, R. S. W. Paterson, R. H. Gittins, R. A. J. Simpson, J. M. Wilson, F. Matthews and C. H. G. Bradley.

LADIES' HOCKEY.

Caer Clark Cup.
H.K.L.H.C. v. C.B.A.L.H.C.
H.K.:—
M. Bird, E. M. Gray, J. Smalley, E. Ross, B. Pope, C. Ferguson, A. McElney, M. Allan Jones, E. Bonnar, A. G. Orme and E. Blackburn.

C.B.A.:—
M. Gardiner, A. Fowler, D. Tiplie, G. MacNider, M. Groundwater, S. Warren, O. Dalziel, D. Hunt, B. Walker, P. Hunt and M. Martin.

St. Andrew's v. Recreio.
St. Andrews:—
A. Hynes, I. Rogers, G. White, I. Woolley, M. White, E. Landolt, M. Chan, M. Churn, P. Gittins, M. Woolley, N. Field.

Recreio:—
B. Remedios, C. Osmund, E. Rosario, H. Guterres, M. Alves, E. Xavier, M. Remedios, A. Alves, C. Silva, C. Botelho, T. Noronha.

H.K.L.H.C. II v. R.A.O.C.
H.K.:—
M. King, N. Ferguson, A. Nichol, E. O'Hagan, A. Owen-Hughes, B. Franklin, R. King, J. Whyte, P. M. Harrop, M. Smalley and H. Knill.

Sunday's Game: Mamak Shield.
Incognitos v. Radio on Marina Ground at 11 a.m.
Incognitos:—
H. Barros, F. Silva, A. Rodrigues, R. Silva-Netto, W. Reed, N. Beltrao, F. Remedios, C. Barros, E. V. Reed, R. C. Reed and F. Barros.

Reserves: J. A. de V. Soares and A. P. Eca da Silva.
Radio Sports:—
A. Spary, P. Singh, J. S. Grewal, A. E. P. Guest, Atma Singh, Mohinder Singh, M. H. Hassan, Gurbachan Singh, J. T. K. Gilchrist, Kalwant Singh and F. A. Kemp.

Reserves: Surjia Singh and Attar Singh.

FOOTBALL.

Interport Trial XI v. Rest.
G. Rodger, Martin, Strang, Skaner, McKelvie, Ellis, B. Gosano, Davies, Shepherd, D. Leonard and Hughes.
Reserves: Mullane, Hay and Howe.

Second Division.
Argylls v. University
R.A.O.C. v. Navy
Club v. Twelfth Batty.
Borderers v. Kowloon

Probable Teams.

Club:—
Fogwill, Railton, Sloan, Hooper, Puncheon, Tavlin, Smith, Duncan, Reid, Folley and Fowler.
Reserves: Krilovsky and Potouloff.

Kowloon:—
Fowler, Wells, G. White, Everest, Whitfield, Blake, Rous-sian, Nicholls, J. White, Gilchrist and Phillips.
Reserves: Greenberg and Noonan.

Chinese League.
Sung Ching v. Athletic "B"
S. China "A" v. Eastern
Yee Woo v. Athletic "A"

ATHLETICS.

Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps Sixth Annual Athletic Meeting at the Club de Recreio.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Interport XV. v. Rest at Happy Valley at 4 p.m.
Rest:—
Lt. Gosling (Navy); Lt. Keith Murray (Argylls); Lt. Stevenson (Argylls); G. A. L. Plummer (Club); Pte. Lewis (Borderers); A. F. Jenkins (Club); Lt. Charley (Navy); Lt. Comdr. Crick (Navy); Lt. Robertson (Navy); Cpl. Souter (Borderers); A. B. Deykin (Navy); E. R. A. Dougett (Navy); Lt. Crew-Read (Borderers); F. R. Burch (Club); Lt. Hubback (Navy).

Interport XV:—
W. H. E. Rigg, G. P. Lammert, R. H. Griffiths, L. G. Robertson, C. J. D. Law, M. W. Turner, J. A. R. Selby, F. R. Burch, W. E. Peers, G. C. Moutrie, R. I. Cherrill, F. M. Hartley, P. Watkinson, D. McLellan and L. B. Smith.

GOLF STARTING TIMES.

The Secretary of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club supplies the following list of starting times for Fanning to-morrow:—
New Course.
9.28 a.m. W. M. Barton, Miss Mackie.
9.36 " G. T. May, F. M. Hartley.
9.44 " J. Gardner, N. S. Ellis.
9.52 " Mrs. Sherry, W. A. Weight.
10.00 " A. Ritchie, J. Fleming.
10.08 " Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Redmond.
10.16 " Lt. Col. E. D. Matthews, Mrs. Matthews.

10.24 " B. J. Ligon, Miss Gordon.
Old Course.
9.16-9.20 a.m.—Not to be booked by those travelling by 8.25 a.m. Train.
9.24 a.m. W. C. Shields*, J. H. Anderson.
9.28 " E. O. Priestley*, C. W. F. Booker.
9.32 " R. C. Webb, G. C. Worrall.
9.36 " F. A. Redmond, A. B. Stewart.

9.40 " I. W. Shewan, C. Mycock.
9.44 " J. S. Dykes, H. Lowe.
9.48 " W. Mulcahy, L. R. An-drews.
9.52 " F. Syme Thomson, J. R. Hinton.
9.56 " W. D. Denham, S. J. H. Fox.
10.00 " R. M. Henderson, G. E. R. Divett.
10.04 " A. W. Hay Edie, H. M. Muir.
10.08 " M. N. Cochrane, E. des Voeux.
10.12 " G. Thomson, H. W. Duley.
10.16 " G. A. Leiper, J. C. Dunbar.

LORD'S DURING THE WINTER

"BILLIARD TABLE GLOSS OF THE PITCH HAD VANISHED."

"Yes, sir," said Mr. Gaby, an assistant groundsman, "if I can last this year I will have done my sixty years at Lord's."

We stood, Mr. Gaby and I, in the "gentlemen's long room" in the empty pavilion, writes a Daily Express correspondent. A bust of Dr. W. G. Grace and a portrait of Lord Harris looked solemnly upon us, at the dust-covered floor, the rows of empty chairs and beyond, through the sooted windows, at the deserted expanse of the cricket field.

Lord's in the winter time! Desolate, abandoned, a great green oasis of solitude, walled like a monastery against the intrusion of the rumbling world outside.

Mr. Gaby looking wistfully back into sixty years of cricket history, was guiding me through the inner shrine of this temple of English sport.

"I started here when I was fourteen," he said, "and I'm high on seventy-four now."

There was no dust here—just emptiness.

"I remember," Mr. Gaby continued, "when Dr. Grace drove the ball clear outside the grounds and across the road into the hotel that was there."

We went outside now and strolled along a lonely walk. My guide was silent and we picked our way past a forest of benches stored out of reach of the weather, over a great tiered expanse of speckled concrete, and through ghostly echoing corridors.

"Things have changed since those days," said my guide. "You can't get a good batsman and a bowler in one man like you used to."

"Except for the Test matches, the Eton and Harrow match is the only big draw now," he added.

We passed two men who were cutting the turf on the practice field, and paused before an opening to look across at the iron railings and green doors of the red-brick pavilion. The verandahs were bare; the flagstaffs looked naked.

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Plague.
Bagdad: 2 cases.
Rangoon: 1 case.
Colombo: 1 case, 1 death.
Sourabaya: 1 case, 1 death.
Bangkok: 1 case, 1 death.

Cholera.
Calcutta: 25 cases, 13 deaths.
Chittagong: 1 death.
Bangkok: 1 case.

Small-Pox.
Bagdad: 5 cases, 9 deaths.
Bombay: 3 cases.
Calcutta: 7 cases, 3 deaths.
Karachi: 2 cases, 2 deaths.
Madras: 2 cases.
Moulmein: 1 case.
Rangoon: 15 cases, 7 deaths.
Saigon: 23 cases, 13 deaths.
Amoy: 37 cases, 14 deaths.
Canton: 3 cases.
Shanghai: 43 cases, 11 deaths.

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Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m.
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Evensong, 6 p.m.
Preacher: Rev. H. V. Koop.
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table gloss of the pitch had vanished.

"We don't do much here until March," Mr. Gaby explained, returning to the present. "Then we start rolling, cutting, and maybe do some returning."

I do not suppose I saw six people during our rambling tour of the cricketless cricket ground. Yet I was assured that there were forty people at work somewhere in the place.

The "Old Home."
I felt like a man returning to the scene of his youth—guided through the dead avenues of exciting memories by the oldest inhabitant. The "old home" looked familiar—but it was not the same.

A watchman in a soft felt hat, who has a dignified air of astonishment for any one who calls these days, presides at the half-open green gates. When my visit ended he attended, with a restrained touch of curiosity, at the parting of Mr. Gaby and myself.

I seemed to hear the murmur of applause dwindling away into the mists of more than half a century—the faint "smack of leather on willow—a chorus of voices calling from a great distance, "Well played, sir!"

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London's Dominance.

A phenomenon of the present day which can hardly be overlooked by anybody who studies a variety of Home newspapers representing opinion in different parts of the country is the attempt to resist the tendency to centralisation. Optimists appear to think it may succeed — or presumably they would not spend their energies upon it! but to the on-looker the contest is reminiscent of that between Mrs. Partington, armed with her mop, and the rising tide. Britain is an island, and its centre of gravity, decided chiefly by geography, is in the South.

The poet who addressed the ocean as "thou mighty monster" might well have kept the epithet for the Empire's capital. It is a monster as fascinating as it is insatiable and eueptic, as ruthless as it is greedy. Outside its swollen boundaries lie the disregarded provinces; their activities, like their protests and defiance, mean nothing to it. All roads to celebrity lead thither; it is the fount of that notoriety which passes for fame and which crowds the newspaper pantheons with "immortals" renewed every year or two.

Literature, music, painting, sculpture must please London before they are "successful," before they are talked about where talk has echoes. It is easy to sneer at this kind of success, but a study of the old, little-known works of art in any branch suggests the thought that only for lack of a "claque" have some of them failed to hold their own with luckier productions counted as "classics."

Does anybody suppose that all the books remembered are better than all those forgotten? Perhaps something in the method of the school text-books of English literature are responsible for the fact that we are turned loose upon the world with some strangely ingenious ideas on the matter.

The tyranny of London's opinion is explained by some as

the result of the vastness of her population, but this is surely nonsense, for the bunch which counts is not really large. That London is the seat of government and finance seems as unlikely a reason. How humiliating if we must be driven to the conclusion that London's position as a cosmopolitan social centre gives her the power of life and death over intellectual and artistic productions.

Will the desperate effort to disseminate the limelight and the glittering prizes, financial and of other kinds, ever have much effect. It is difficult to believe that they will — unless as a result of some unimaginable natural as well as social upheaval. If London were razed to the ground to-morrow, some instinct (perhaps superior to any reason) would set us rebuilding it on the same site, and as it grew again its magnetism would be renewed.

What a good thing it is that happiness is not dependent on success! Philosophy alone can defy the tyranny of the world's biggest city.

From Other Pens.

Nine of Diamonds.
Most, if not all, card players are aware that the nine of diamonds is known as the "curse of Scotland." But how many are acquainted with the origin of the title? The story to which most credence has hitherto been attached is that the Duke of Cumberland, the notorious "Butcher Duke" wrote his order for the massacre of Glencoe on the back of the nine of diamonds. This version has now been challenged. The card apparently received its name from the far more terrible massacre of Glencoe. A descendant of one of the Campbells concerned at Glencoe, avers that the officer in command at Edinburgh delegated the fateful work to a junior officer, who not unnaturally insisted on a written order. Thereupon, his senior, who chanced to be playing cards at the time, took one from the pack and wrote the fateful order upon it. It chanced to be the nine of diamonds. The interesting thing about this version is that the challenger possesses not only the tale, but the actual order written, but the very pack of cards. There are only fifty-one cards in this pack, the missing one being the "curse of Scotland."

Private Hobby.
Hobbies often stay to law of logic of reason. But there is some-

thing in the method of the American millionaire who has been in the habit of driving regularly to a railway siding and throwing a brick through a carriage window.

Wherever there are railways there are stories of people who pull communication cords and offer the alarmed guard whatever is the local equivalent of \$5. Our millionaire sought a cheaper satisfaction. Yet he is a sympathetic figure.

Many a worthy citizen has stood before the Crystal Palace with itching hands. The instinct goes deep. We talk of a "smashing success," but of "a complete failure." If it were not that most men take care to provide themselves with a private Aunt Sally it would be indeed a dangerous world.—M. S. in the Daily Telegraph.

News in Brief.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Pakhol on account of small-pox.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 71 degrees. The humidity fell from 71 at 10 a.m. to 61 at 4 p.m.

An inquiry into the cause of a disastrous fire at 134, Bonham Strand on January 12 was commenced by Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court yesterday and adjourned for the Magistrate to visit the scene of the fire.

It is notified that at the expiration of three months from date the Kwong Hing Company, Limited and the Liang Kwong Motor Bus Company Limited, will, unless cause is shown to the contrary, be struck off the Registrar of Companies and be dissolved.

The First Speech Day of Hwa Nan College will be held in Ko Shing Theatre, on Saturday, January 30, at 3 p.m., and that Mr. R. K. M. Simpson, Professor of English at the University of Hong Kong has kindly consented to distribute the prizes.

Tribute to the bravery of a Scoutmaster was paid at the inquiry into the tragic fire at No. 188 Shanghai Street, Yau-mat, on the evening of January 9 which was held at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with Mr. Fraser, as Coroner. After evidence the jury returned a verdict of accidental death, a woman having admitted that in lighting a cigarette she set fire to some cotton.

Judgment for plaintiff for \$20.62 with costs, was yesterday given by the Puisse Judge (Mr. Justice K. E. Lindell), in the Summary Court, in a case in which the Yuen Yuen firm, of 44, Tung Chau Street, Shamshui, brought an action against Hang Sang Leong Kee firm, Chan Hok-kam, and Chu Shuk-choi, all of 128, Connaught Road West. The plaintiffs' claim was for bean cakes sold and delivered to the defendants.

SHEPHERD MARKET—

A Noted Mayfair Spot to Disappear?

Shepherd Market, that famous little backwater in the heart of Mayfair, is in danger of destruction. It lies a few yards from Piccadilly, in the angle formed by Half Moon Street and Curzon Street. That part bounded by Shepherd Street and Hertford Street already has been cleared of its old shops and houses, and when during the next few years the other leases fall in the market may disappear.

It was founded in 1703, and today is one of the most interesting corners of Mayfair. No actual market is now held; but there remains a miniature village, with an old-world atmosphere and charm that is now rarely to be found.

To Build Tudor Village?
The shops are of the old-fashioned type and cater for almost every need, from dress shirts for men-servants, to superb fruit and flowers. The cleared site mentioned above has been sold, and it is believed in the market that flats are shortly to be erected there.
An idea has been conceived of rebuilding the entire site eventually as a Tudor village. This, however, cannot materialise for four or five years, until the leases expire. The tradesmen view the prospect sadly, but not more so than many others who know the fascination of this interesting fragment of old Mayfair.

REVOLVERS ON OFFICE DESKS.

How Europeans Work in Bengal.

In an office in the very centre of Calcutta's business quarter callers will find Mr. E. Villiers, the President of the European Association, now almost recovered from the wounds he received during the recent attempt to assassinate him. A loaded and cocked automatic lies near his right hand and facing him is a target bearing witness to the results of recent practice.

The door, says the Calcutta correspondent of "The Pioneer," has been specially constructed, so that in his office at least he cannot again be caught unawares and in the vicinity are well-armed guards in mufti, though the passer-by will not be able to detect them.

He is guarded wherever he goes and the automatic is always near his right hand. Such precautions seem almost incredible, but they are very necessary, for—apart from whatever information the police may have—Mr. Villiers this week has received several more letters to warn him that his life is in danger, and a member of his staff has been accosted by young men seeking to learn precise details of his movements.

And it is not only the President of the European Association who is in danger. Certain clubs and offices are under constant armed guard and special armed police are patrolling everywhere; certain prominent Britons are never allowed to go unguarded and they are personally armed. Dacca is very little different and until recently at Chittagong automobiles on tables at meals were far from uncommon.

These are not panic measures but precautions based upon definite information of danger.

CROC-PROOF BATH

Clever Innovation at Livingstone.

Since the disastrous occurrence in the old (so-called) "croc-proof" swimming pool at the Zambesi boat club a year or so ago—when a boy of tender years was taken by a crocodile—Livingstone has awakened to the fact that a real swimming bath is necessary.

At last a very fine bath, which is really croc-proof, has been built. The Mayor, Mr. C. Knight, is responsible for the idea. The bath lies floating on the Zambesi, held in place by two enormous chains and pulleys from staves of iron driven deeply into the ground. It is entirely constructed of 6 in. lathes of native timber cut by the Zambesi Saw Mills in local forest. It is the regulation size and has a shallow and deep end, diving boards, steps and water polo goal posts like any ordinary bath, says Reuter.

The bath has taken two to three months to construct. It was made on land in 10 sections—each section having to be rivetted together, which was done by two white men, who had to go under in the most antediluvian divers' suits.

LAWYER BOXES HIS CLIENT'S EARS.

A client who was defended by one of the best-known lawyers in Czechoslovakia lost the case which he had brought and when the verdict was given he spoke to his lawyer.

The lawyer replied by boxing his client's ears vigorously.

A minute later lawyer and client were having a free fight in court.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at King's Restaurant, and Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels.

To-day—Burns Dinner, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8.30 p.m.
To-morrow—Tea Dances at Repulse Bay Hotel and King's Restaurant.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "Hush Money."
To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Five and Ten."
To-day—Central Theatre; "Lasca of Rio Grande."
To-day—Majestic Theatre; "An American Tragedy."
To-day—Star Theatre; "Dynamite."

Home Malls.

To-day—Inward from America (Empress of Canada and President Monroe).

Lammerts' Auction.

Monday—At Sales Room, miscellaneous goods, 11 a.m.

"UNNECESSARY LUXURY."

Lord Parmoor Gives Up Athenaeum.

Lord Parmoor has ceased to be a member of the Athenaeum Club, "on the ground that at this time a club subscription is an unnecessary luxury expenditure, and that he finds claims for assistance exceptionally heavy."

The entrance fee for membership of the Athenaeum is thirty guineas, and the annual subscription fifteen guineas.

Lord Parmoor, who is 79, is now in Egypt. He expects to stay until the beginning of February, his doctors having advised him to avoid this Winter in Britain. Last November he resigned, on medical advice, from the position of leader of the Labour party in the House of Lords.

To-day's Thought.

The best way to keep happiness is to share it.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of January 23, 1922.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/7 1/8.

On behalf of the Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Mr. C. G. Alabaster, applied to the Chief Justice on Saturday morning for confirmation of a special resolution altering the Memorandum of Association of the Company. Counsel explained that the company had vacant land in Belcher's Street, and having a reserve of \$60,000 thought it desirable to build upon it.

The Chief Justice thought the name of the Company should be altered to indicate this widening of the scope of its activities and announced that he would reserve his decision and read through cases on the point. Mr. Alabaster was given permission to file another affidavit stating what effect it would have on the Company if its name had to be changed.

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M. Perfolli, Savarin House, Kowloon Road, Kowloon, from Shanghai.

C. C. CLARKE, Manager.
Hong Kong, January 21, 1932.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FANLING HUNT & RACE CLUB.

TWO BUSES of the China Motor Bus Co. will leave the Star Ferry on SUNDAY, 24th INST., one at 10.45 a.m. and one at 11.15 a.m., going direct to Kwantia Race Course via Castle Peak, and returning soon after the last race. The fare there and back, including entrance to the Race Meeting (Public Enclosure), will be \$3.00. THOMSON & CO., Secretaries. Hong Kong, January 23, 1932.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

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COMPANY MEETINGS.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY, 16th February, 1932, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1931.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 23rd January, to TUESDAY, 16th February, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 19th January, 1932.

GENERAL NOTICES.

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VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Orders for the Coming Week.

Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., commanding Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, are issued as under:—

PARADES.

Corps Band.

The Band will parade at the Club de Recreo ground to-day at 2 p.m. sharp to play during the afternoon at the Volunteer Athletic Sports. It is hoped that a full attendance will be reported.

A meeting of the Band will be held at Headquarters on Monday at 6 p.m. sharp, when many important matters will be discussed. All members must attend.

Battery.

Musketry.—The Battery will fire Part II. Musketry at Stonecutters on Sunday, January 31. Rifles, belts, bayonets and bandoliers will be required. Rifles must be drawn before noon on Saturday, January 30. Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m. (Please see "After Orders").

On Tuesday there will be a lecture at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters on Rules of Ranging and Miniature Range by Captain D. Dunlop, R.A., for Battery Staff and any other members of the Battery who wish to attend.

Engineer Company.

Monday.—Miniature Range at 5.30 p.m.

Thursday.—D.L. Instruction at Wellington Barracks at 5.30 p.m. "Errata" Under List of Prizes. Winners for aggregate competition without handicap, sent to all members, for "Cpl. Gilchrist" read "Cpl. Salter."

Corps Signals.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday for Buzzer Practice.

Part II. Musketry Practices will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, January 31. All members must attend. Rifles should be drawn from Store not later than Friday, January 29. Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Machine Gun Troop.

The following will represent the Troop to-morrow in the M.G. Competition:—

Lt. Cpl. Davy, acting Platoon Sergeant.

Sergeant Grieve, Section Commander.

Corpl. Ferguson, Section Corporal.

Tpr. Jenkins, Runner.

Lt. Cpl. Wolf, Gun No.

Lt. Cpl. Allison, Gun No.

Tpr. Edgar, Gun No.

Tpr. Joseph, Gun No.

Tpr. Beaumont, Gun No.

Tpr. Bovill, Gun No.

The train for Fanling leaves Kowloon at 9.15 a.m.

Dress:—Forage cap, jacket, bandolier, breeches, blue puttees, boots, and spurs.

On Thursday the following parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction:—

Tpr. Mossop, Tpr. Evans, Tpr. Field, Tpr. McLellan, Tpr. White, Tpr. Wade, Tpr. Nigel, Tpr. Jenkins, Tpr. Cleland and Tpr. Robertson.

Section Commanders will make sure that all the men in their section are warned.

Armoured Car Company.

Car Section.—There will be no parade on Monday. Those detailed will proceed to Fanling to-morrow to fire the Machine Gun Competition.

There will be a parade on Friday, January 29, for a lecture on Car Mechanism at the P.W.D. Garage at 5.30 p.m.

The Section Dinner will take place at Headquarters at 8 p.m. to-night.

Dress:—Officers, mess kit; other ranks, dinner jacket.

Motor Cycle Section: Machine Gun Competition.—The Section will rendezvous at the Kowloon Car Park to-morrow at 9 a.m. sharp and proceed to Dills Corner by car as arranged.

Dress:—R.T.C. caps, tunics, breeches, puttees, boots, belt and greatcoats.

Monday.—Parade at Headquarters for Machine Gun Instruction at 5.30 p.m.

The Company will parade on Tuesday in multi-arms Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for gun drill under Section Commanders. Rifles, belts and bayonets will be required for this parade.

Scottish Company.

Machine Gun Competition will be fired to-morrow. Members who have been selected to take part will parade at Kowloon Rail-

REDUCED INCOMES IN AMERICA.

Taxation Revenue Down by £190,000,000.

The United States Treasury report for 1930, which was made public last month, indicates that the Federal Government's revenue from taxation this year will be \$950,000,000 (\$190,000,000 at par) less than last year, being reduced by \$500,000,000 on individual incomes and \$450,000,000 on the taxation of corporations. Reductions of income have been general among all classes, as is shown by a second report giving the final figures for 1929. The total drop in the income of individuals subject to taxation last year, as compared with the year before, was \$7,000,000,000, and the drop in the income of corporations during the same period \$4,600,000,000. In 1929 513 persons had an income of \$1,000,000 or more, the largest number ever recorded. In 1930 there were only 149. Annual incomes of \$50,000 or more usually supposed to indicate the possessor of \$1,000,000 in capital, have been reduced by a half, to 19,000.

The report of the Secretary of Commerce asserts that the demand for American manufactures is increasing and that relief for over-production is approaching. The report probably needs to be discounted in view of the consistent over-optimism of this department. The report admits that conditions in the financial markets indicate "further recessions in business and security market activity."

way Station at 10 a.m. and proceed to Sheungshui by 10.16 a.m. train.

Dress:—Boots, short puttees and khaki hose, kilt (without sporran), belts, frogs, braces and pouches; glengarries. Haversacks will be carried for rations.

Parades on Thursday.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock under 2nd Lt. T. P. Sanderson. Squad drill with arms. Belts and frogs will be worn.

No. 7 Platoon at Headquarters under 2nd Lt. A. W. Brown—Musketry Instruction.

Portuguese Company.

Parades as detailed in Company Training Programme.

The Peak Range is allotted to the Company on Sunday, January 31. Firing will commence at 9 a.m. sharp.

Dress:—Optional but either complete mufti or khaki must be worn.

Range Officer: 2nd Lieut. J. H. Lawrence.

A.A.L.A. Company.

The A.P.C. Section will parade at 5.30 p.m. at North Point on Thursday.

The Portuguese Section will parade at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters on Friday, January 29.

Appointment and Promotion.

No. 1561 Gnr. C. W. L. Cole, Battery, appointed Lane Bombardier as from January 15.

Struck off the Strength.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation by Captain Thomas Addis Martin, of his Commission in the Reserve of Officers of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps with effect from December 10, 1931.

Authority:—C.S.O. 3 in 198/1931.

Transferred to Another Port:—No. 1632 Pte. J. McFarlane, No. 1 Platoon, as from January 9; No. 1707 Tpr. D. K. Hislop, Machine Gun Troop, as from January 23.

Having left the Colony:—No. 1632 Sigm. C. A. L. Rumjahn, Corps Signals, as from November 10, 1931.

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	HAUSAN MARU	Saturday, 20th February.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	KITANO MARU	Saturday, 27th February.
	ATSUTA MARU	Saturday, 28th March.
MANILA.	TAIYO MARU	Monday, 1st February.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	GENOA MARU	Friday, 29th January.
YAMAGATA MARU	Saturday, 30th January.	
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.	BOKUYO MARU	Sunday, 14th February.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Samsoul (Constantinople), Genoa & Marseilles.	Wednesday, 17th February.
DELAGOA MARU	Wednesday, 17th February.	
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	MURORAN MARU	Friday, 29th January.
MALACCA MARU	Monday, 8th February.	
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	KAGA MARU	Sunday, 31st January.

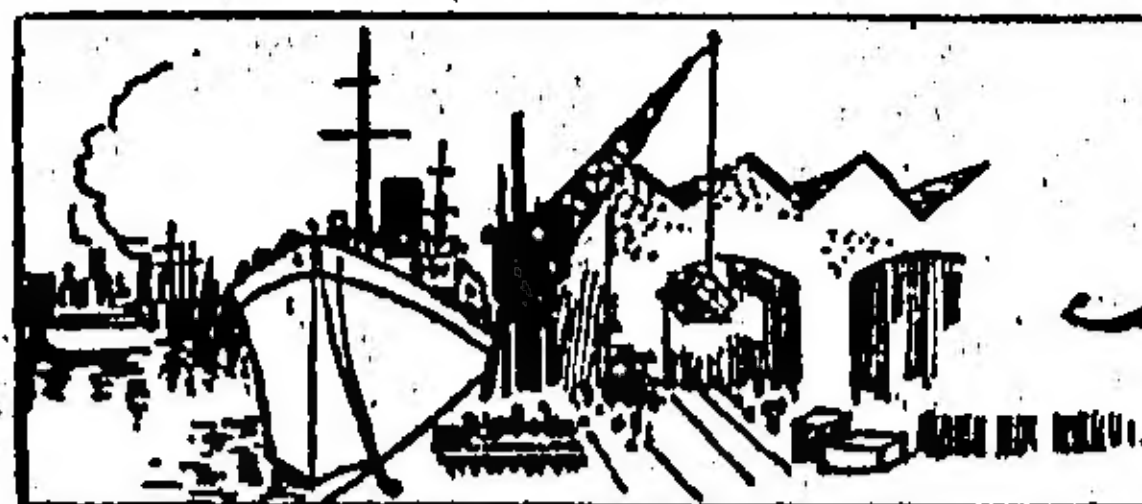
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BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AUCKLAND & WELLINGTON via Manila. JAPAN PORTS (Frequent Services).	Melbourne Maru	Thurs., 4th Feb.
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	Sumatra Maru	Tues., 26th Jan.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Atlas Maru	Wed., 10th Feb.
BOMBAY & KARACHI via Singapore, Belawan, Deli & Colombo.	Celebes Maru	Wed., 3rd Feb.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan, Deli & Rangoon.	Himalaya Maru	Mon., 1st Feb.
HAIPHONG via Hongkong.	Hozan Maru	Sun., 24th Jan.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (8 p.m. every Sun- day).	Canton Maru	Sun., 31st Jan.
JAPAN PORTS via Takao & Panama Maru		Sat., 8th Feb.
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by fierce storms and seas. The
crew caught rainwater to quench
their thirst, and burnt all kinds of
articles, including their clothes, to
attract attention. Their distress
signals were seen about 9.30 p.m.
on November 16.

Capt. E. H. Brice, of the Aztec,
said that in just over half an hour
they were able to get alongside the

Cadiz with a cargo of salt.
"The night was black and there
was great difficulty in launching
a boat, he said. "But there was
no lack of volunteers. Chief
officer Baker was in charge, and
the boat returned an hour later
with the rescued men."

"Capt. George Douglas, of the
schooner, told me that his ship had
lost all sails and was leaking badly.
The only remaining food on
board was a sack of onions."

As the schooner was a danger to
navigation, Capt. Douglas returned
to her and set her on fire. He and
the five men were then taken by
Aztec to Honduras.

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ARRIVALS.

Arrived per s.s. Hakozaki Maru
from Japan via Shanghai, January
22:-

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Cheoy, Mr. Say Chong, Mr. N. E.
Grey, Mr. K. Hashimoto, Mr. Ming
Lew, Mr. Line Lee, Mr. Jeon Suen-
ong.

Per s.s. President Jefferson from
Manila, January 22:-

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ter G. S. Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. A.
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William N. Riley, Mr. P. W. Ward,
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Alfonso Busto, Mr. A. Carpi, Mr. Sue
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Per s.s. Hakozaki Maru for
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 24.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 23.

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Sandakan	Yu Sang	3.30 p.m.
Manila	Empress of Canada	3.30 p.m.
Hohow	Dorry	5 p.m.
Bangkok	Fingal	5 p.m.
Manila	President Monroe	5 p.m.
Straits	Hong Kheng	5 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24.

Saigon	Halvard	9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Hellas	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	9 a.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25.

Bangkok via Swatow	Kwangchow	8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	8 p.m.
Haiphong	Comdt. Henri Riviere	10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Taiwan	
	Parcels	Jan. 23, Noon.
	Letters 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Yang	1 p.m.
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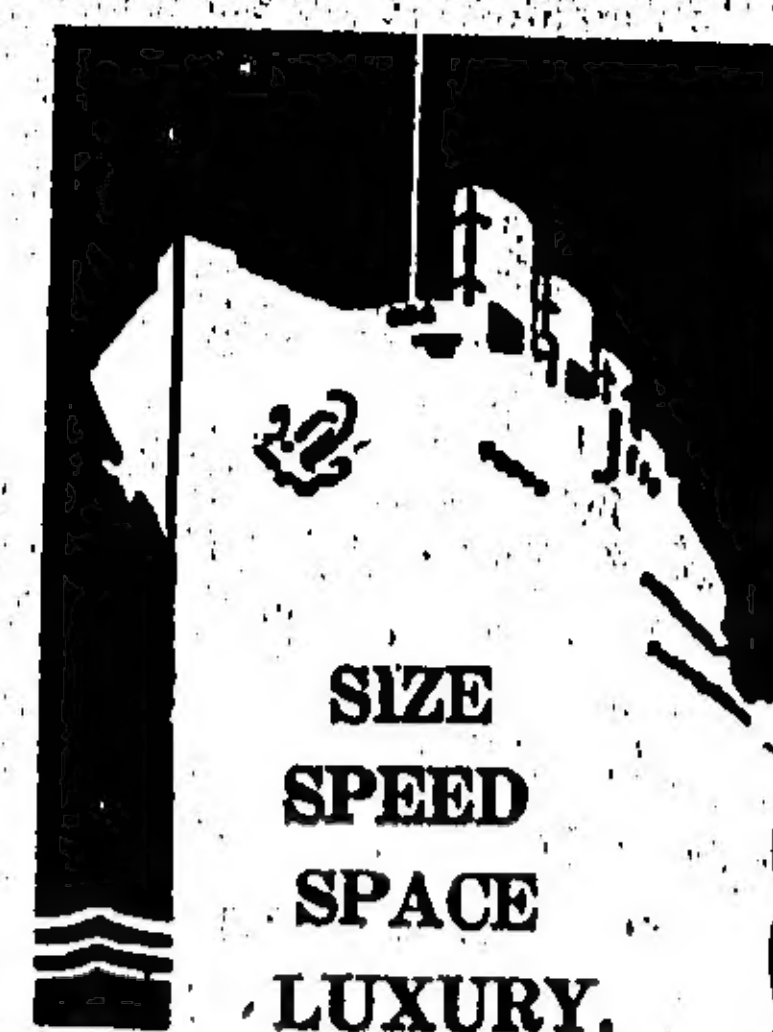
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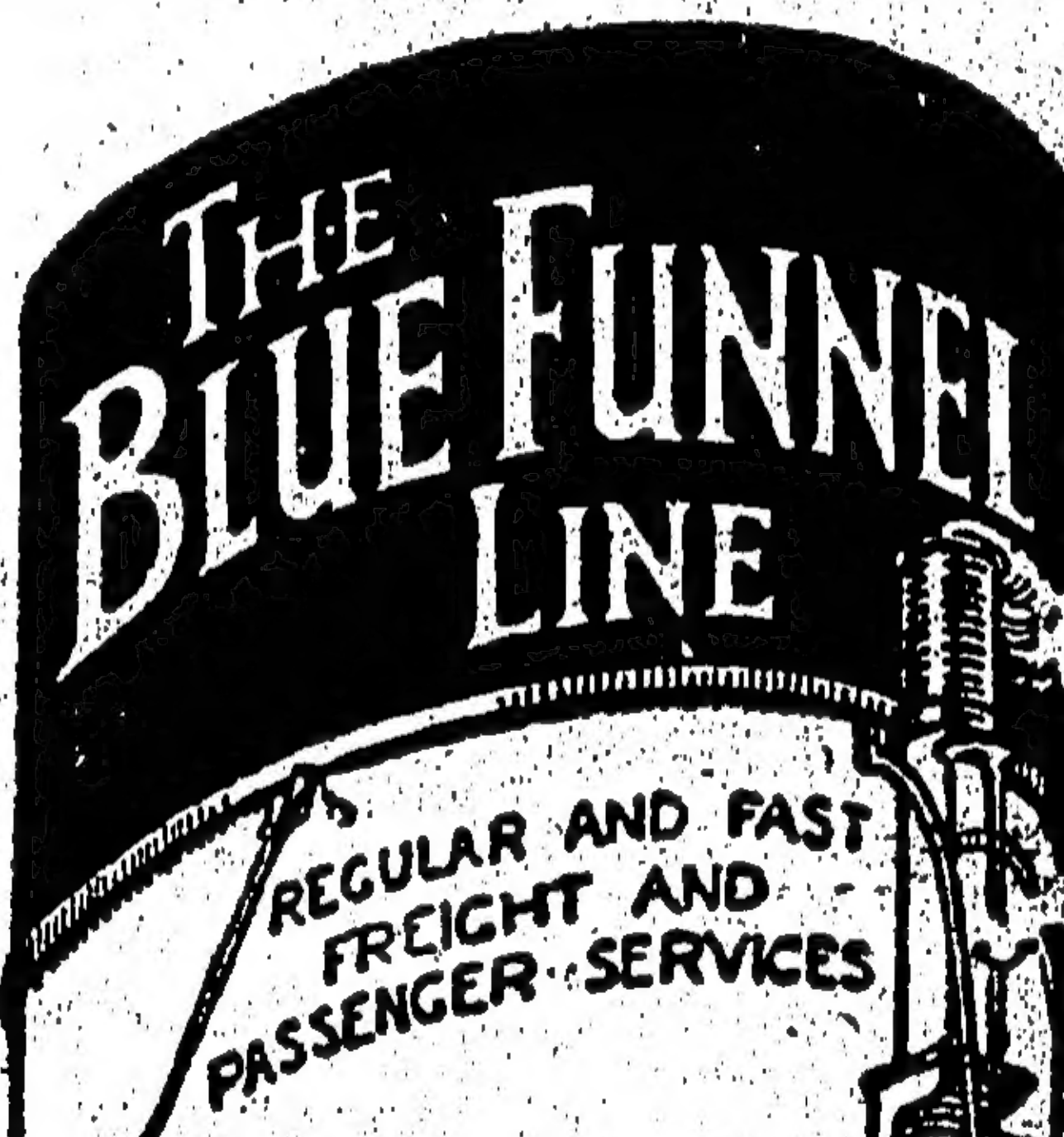
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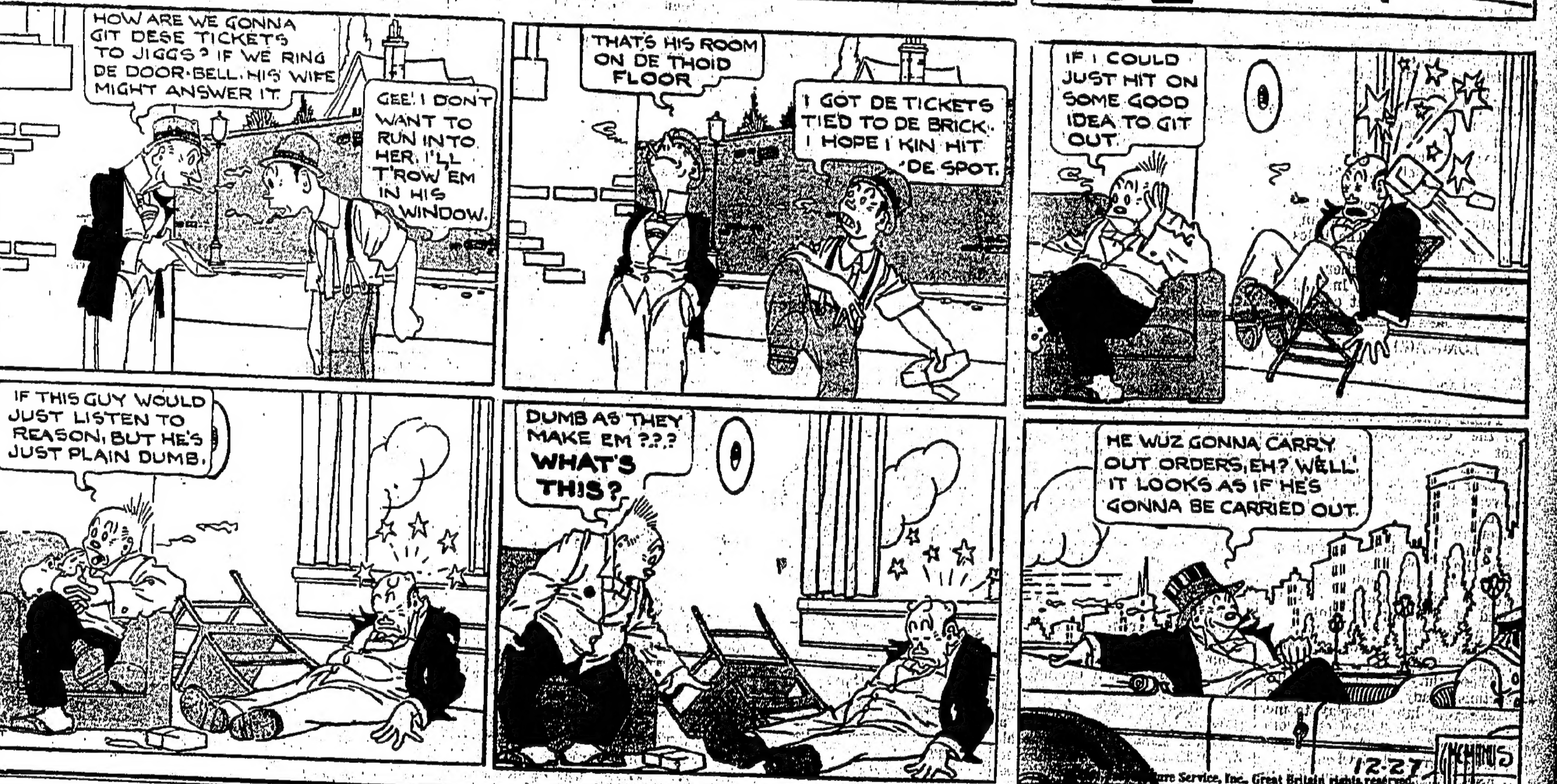
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TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

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6.15-7 p.m. (approx.)—Chinese Programme.
7.11.30 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records.
7.08-7.23 p.m.—Operatic.
Aida—Grand March (Verdi).
Milan Symphony Orchestra & Chorus (6008).
The Magic Flute Overture (Mozart).
Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Symphony Orchestra (E1001R).
8 p.m.—Local Time.
7.22-8.20 p.m.—Light Opera.
Patience—Vocal Gems (Gilbert & Sullivan).
Columbia Light Opera Co. (DX238).
Frederica—Selection (Lehar).
London Theatre Orchestra (DX122).
Les Cloches de Corneville—Vocal Gems (Planquette).
Columbia Light Opera Co. (DX238).
The Three Musketeers—Vocal Gems (Wodehouse, Grey, & Prim).
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The Merry Wives of Windsor Overture (Nicolai).
Sir Henry Wood conducting.

In the New Queen's Hall
Orchestra (L1723R).
Florodora—Vocal Gems (Leslie Stuart).
Columbia Light Opera Co. (DX126).
The Yeomen of the Guard (Gilbert & Sullivan)—Vocal Gems. Columbia Light Opera Co. (9554).
8.20-8.55 p.m.—Band Music.
Voyage in a Troopship (arr. G. Miller).
Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (DX8).
The Evolution of Dixie (Lasky).
Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (DX228).
It's a Lovely War—Medley (arr. Somers).
Debroy Somers' Band (DX199).
Review of Revues (Pub. by Messrs. Francis Day & Hunter).
Debroy Somers' Band (DX227).
8.55-9.30 p.m.—Instrumental.
Violin Solo—"Saudades do Brazil" (Mendes arr. Levy).
Bourree in B Minor (Liszt).
Joseph Szigeti (D1633).
Piano Solo—Polonaise in E Flat (Chopin).
Joko Ebanitz (D1048).
Violin Solo—On the Wings of Song (Mendelssohn arr. Levy).
Mendelssohn (Brahms arr. Levy).
Lied—The Little Boat (Mendelssohn).
Joseph Szigeti (D1633).
Piano Solo—Jugement of Paris (Mendelssohn).
Mendelssohn (Brahms arr. Levy).
Lied—The Little Boat (Mendelssohn).
Joseph Szigeti (D1633).

Ignaz Friedman (D1640).
Violin Solo—Roumanian Folk Dances (Hartok arr. Szekely).
Joseph Szigeti (LB8).
8.30-11.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox Trot—
I'll Be Good Because of You, Ten Cents a Dance (CB249).
Smashing and Shadows, Share My Umbrella (CB204).
Waltz—
Fleur D'Amour, Fox Trot—
Cuban Love Song (CB140).
Can't We Be Friends, Blues—
Moupin' Low (CB207).
Fox Trot—
On a Little Balcony in Spain, Waltz—
Another Kiss, Fox Trot—
You Went Away Once, O'Brien—
Stand Up and Sing—It's Not You, Stand Up and Sing—There's Always Tomorrow (CB219).
Waltz—
Indiana Bycatcher (CB255).
Fox Trot—
Blue Rags, If I Had Three Wishes, Blue Rags—
Dancing in Your Sleep (CB211).
I Haven't Heard a Single Word from Baby, Make Yourself a Happiness (CB249).
Fox Trot—
Blue Rags, Blue Rags—
You're a Good Fellow (CB207).

DEGRADED FOR ESPIONAGE.
Roumanian Major As Soviet Agent.
Thousands of spectators, by invitation of the commander of the regiment, issued in placards, witnessed the public degradation of Major Vetraru, convicted of espionage in the interests of Soviet Russia.
The square of Malmatzev, barracks, Bucharest, where the ceremony took place, and the surrounding streets were impaled by the light of the enormous throngs.
The major, supported by soldiers, was brought half-unconscious into the square, where troops where his gaunlettes torn off and his sword was broken in two. He fell to the ground, unconscious.



THE WENDY HUT.

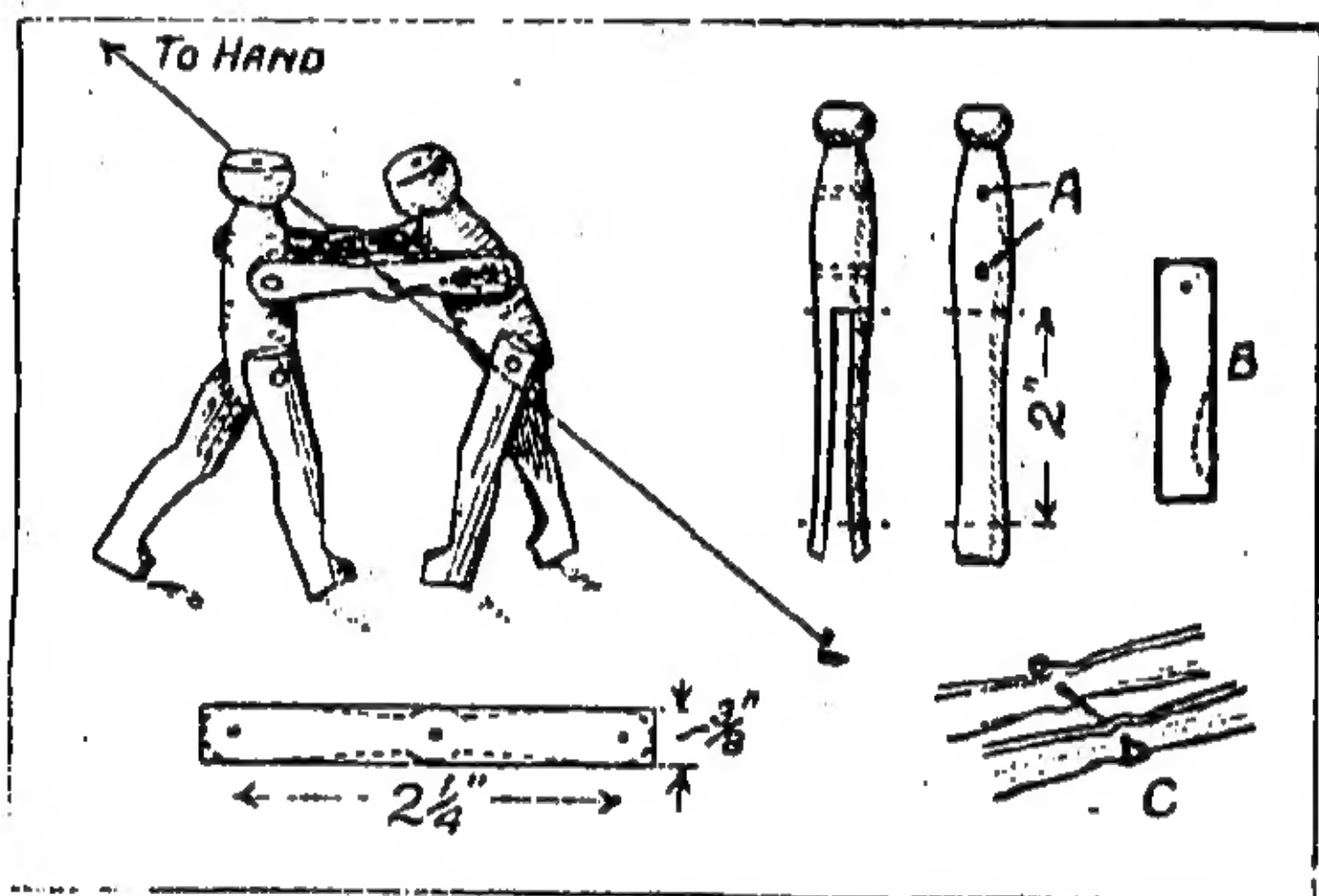
THE BILLY BOYS' WORKSHOP

How to Make Toy Wrestlers.

You can make this amusing toy out of two clothes pegs of the pattern shown in the diagrams. The top parts of the pegs from the heads and bodies of the wrestlers, and the bottom parts are used for the legs. Drill two small holes (A) through each top part and then saw off the bottom pieces as indicated. Each strip should be cut to a length of two inches. Now, with your penknife, whittle each strip to the shape shown at B, to form the legs. The arms, which can be made of thin wood, are two and a quarter inches long between the centres of the holes in the ends. To get the best results, the four legs must be exactly the same length.

The best method of attaching the parts is to use wire nails, which must, of course, be of slightly larger diameter than the holes in the body. The holes in the arms and legs must be a loose fit so that the "wrestlers" are very loosely jointed. Instead of it into a neat loop at each end,

nails, pieces of wire may be passed through the holes, and secured by a little loop at each end. After all the parts are put together, bore small holes through the centres of the arms, pass a piece of wire through, and bend



Top "wrestlers" made from clothes-peg. They will be good fun to surprise people with at your party.

as shown at C. To one loop tie a piece of strong black thread about twelve inches long, and then tie the free end of the thread to a small nail. To the other wire loop tie another piece of thread, about six feet long, to be worked by the hand.

The nail is lightly hammered into the floor, just under the edge of a carpet, and the wrestlers are worked by movement of the fingers holding the thread. The thread, being black, will be almost invisible in artificial light.

After a little practice, the figures can be made to stand up, start wrestling and lie down again at the word of command. These antics appear very mysterious to people looking on, especially if they do not notice the thread. The hand holding the end of the thread can be kept in your pocket, out of sight.

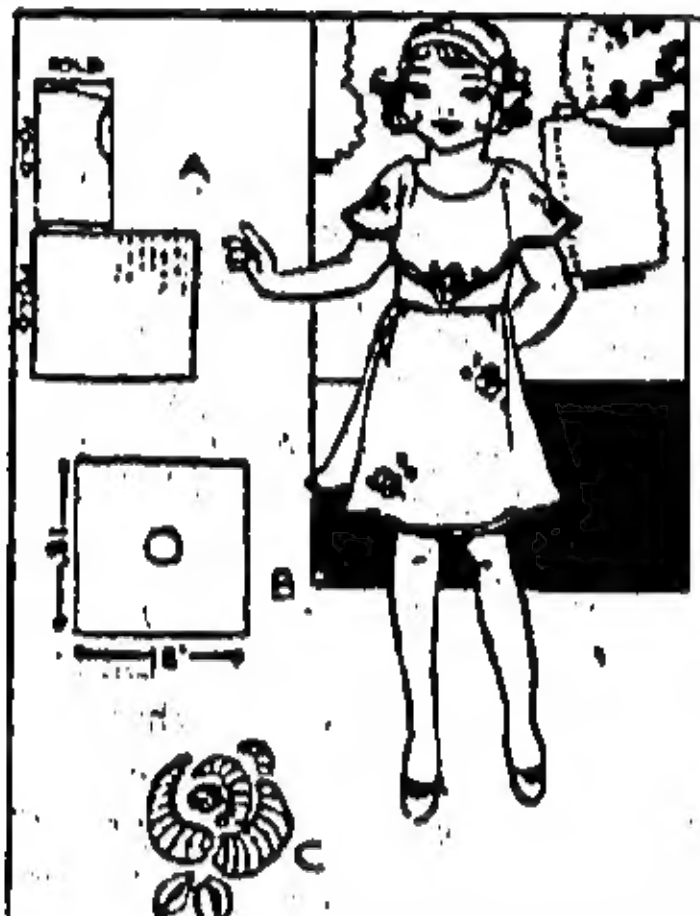
The Hut Carpenter.

WENDY'S LITTLE NEEDLEWOMEN

A New Dress For Party Time.

As it is Party-time, I'm sure some of the little dress-makers would like to copy the pretty frock shown here.

You will need about three or three-and-a-half yards of pale coloured artificial silk material, a card of art-silk bias-binding in the same colour but several tones darker in shade, and two skeins of stranded embroidery cotton—one rose, the other green.



The new dress for Party Time! Dressmaker tells you how to make it.

Measure yourself from your shoulders to your waist, and across your chest; then cut a piece of material a little wider and twice as long. Fold it lengthways and widthways, and cut as shown in the upper part of Diagram A. The skirt is cut like the lower part of the diagram, and should be made in two strips, long enough to reach to your knees and wide enough to be gathered prettily each side.

Sew up the side and shoulder seams of the bodice, and the side seams of the skirt. You can either hem the skirt edge, or bind it with the bias-binding as you prefer. Gather the skirt each side, as shown by the dotted lines in Diagram A, and pull up to fit the edge of the bodice. Tack bodice and skirt together, and try on the frock. If it is satisfactory, sew all seams neatly.

Cut a square of material with sides eighteen inches long, and bind it with bias-binding. Then cut a hole in the middle, as shown in Diagram B. This is for the collar. Slip it over your head, when you have the dress on, then sew the collar to the dress, as (Continued at foot of next column.)



"They were the first cherries seen in Rome."

away had not the Greek slave made her plant it. And he made her go and look at it every day, too.

When the little tree was covered with white flowers, Fabia loved it. Then the blossoms fell, and by degrees the tree became covered with little red balls hanging on long stems. They

were the first cherries seen in Rome! Fabia was delighted with them, and after she had eaten a handful she went to the slave.

"Yes, I can make a mistake," she admitted. "I made one about that tree."

That was the sort of lesson little Roman slave learnt in the days when Lucullus brought the cherry tree to Europe.

RESULT OF PUZZLE COMPETITION.

THE PRIZE WINNERS.

The Puzzle picture which appeared on this page on January 9th has proved a great success and the large number of entries received has kept the Hut friends busy for a few days.

The list of "wrong things" shown in the picture numbered 42 but no one was successful in naming the exact mistakes.

The best list sent in nearest to the Goblin Artists' "mistakes" showed 38 errors, two children having the same number of mistakes, Eileen Miller and Jessie Cameron, while Dorothy Salmon with 33 "mistakes" is the next on the Prize list. The three prize winners have to be complimented on their neat and beautiful writing and Wendy hopes they will like their prizes from the Wendy Hut.

Prize List.

1st & 2nd Prizes (tie).
Eileen Miller (11)
Jessie Cameron (13)
3rd Prize.
Dorothy Salmon (9)

THE PRINCESS AND HER MAID OF HONOUR.

Once upon a time there was a very great Princess. The fame of her beauty spread far and wide, and Princes came from all over the earth to ask for her hand in marriage. But she would have none of them, and when she heard that two celebrated Kings



"You must pretend to be me," said the Princess to her loveliest Maid-of-honour.

were on their way to her court she determined to play a little trick on them.

"You must pretend to be me," she said to her loveliest maid-of-honour. "While you are talking to them, I will stand behind you and choose the one I like best."

Well, the Kings arrived, and they both addressed the lovely maid - of - honour together, and then started fighting because they were so jealous of each other. The poor maid-of-honour screamed, and the true princess tried to stop the fighting, but the Kings told her to get out of the way.

This was a terrible shock to the Princess, for she had thought she would be recognised at once. Now she saw for the first time that it was only her name that gave her power and made her famous. She was very sad, and went and sat on a stool, while the two Kings listened to the weeping maid-of-honour who really didn't know what to say (Continued in next Column.)

ranging one point at the back, one in front, and one over each shoulder.

Embroider little roses, like the one shown in Diagram C, on the skirt, and work one in each corner of the collar, adding lazy-daisy stitch leaves.

Wendy's Dressmaker.

TINK'S CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

The English town name hidden in last week's puzzle was Sunderland. You guessed this, I suppose, by the picture which showed the letter S — under — land. Full solution:—

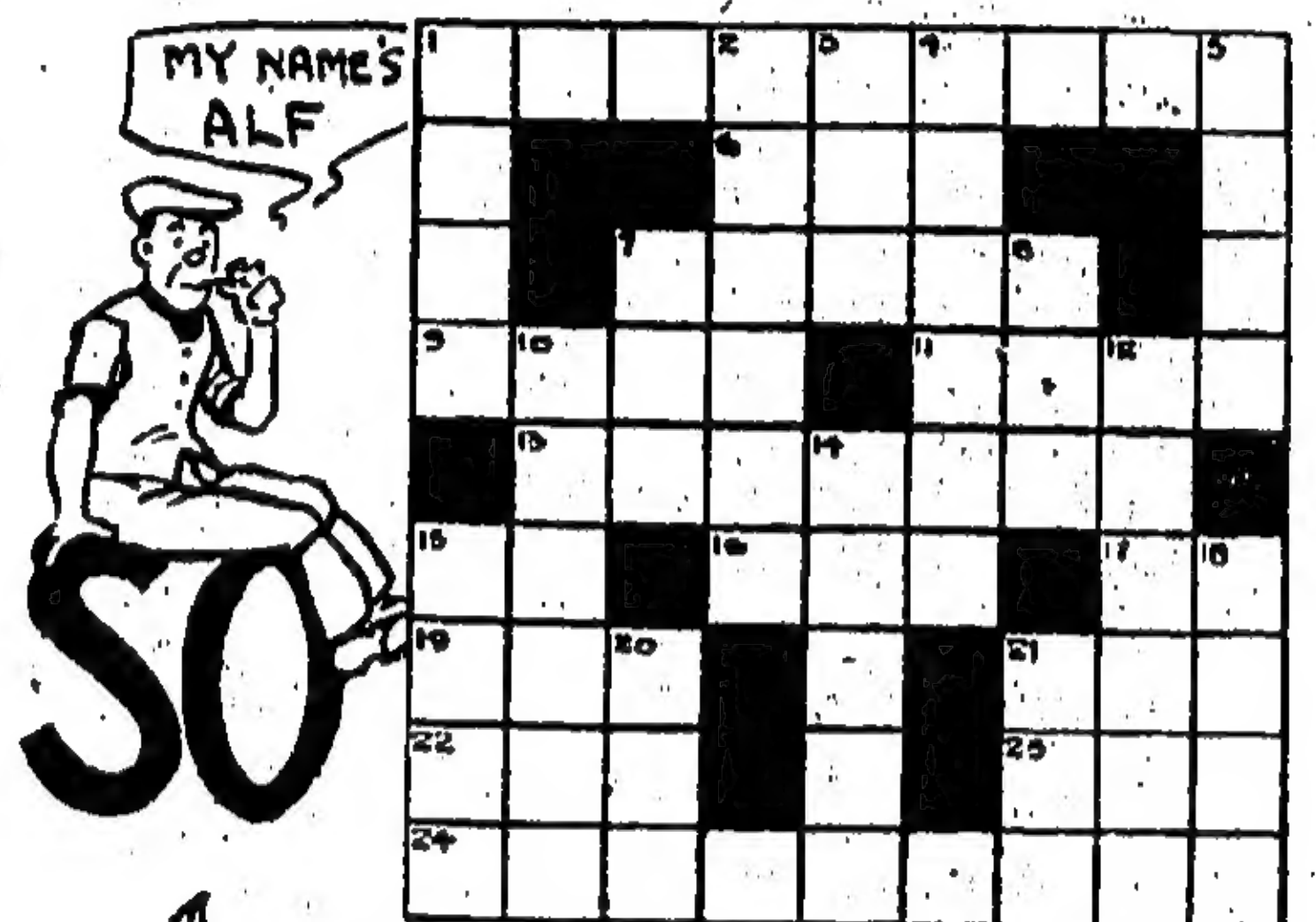
Across.

1. Child's cot. (Crib).
4. Rind. (Peel).
7. Packing cases. (Crates).
8. Gladness. (Glee).
10. Peruse. (Read).
12. Prefix meaning "against". (Anti).
15. Hidden name. (Sunderland).
19. Poem. (Ode).
20. Near. (By).
21. Figs' house. (Sty).
22. Rodents. (Rats).
23. Employed. (Used).

Down.

1. Part of a wheel. (Cog).
2. Frozen water. (Ice).
3. Food. (Bread).
4. Danger. (Peril).
5. Compass point. (ESE).
6. Boy. (Lad).
9. Powerful in sound. (Loud).
11. A relative. (Aunt).
13. Beak. (Neb).
14. Endeavour. (Try).
15. Not sweet. (Sour).
16. Tidy. (Neat).
17. Requests. (Asks).
18. Coloured. (Dyed).

Who can guess the King's name represented by the picture at the side of this week's puzzle? Perhaps the Tinies will be rather uncertain, but the bigger boys and girls will soon think of it. It is hidden, as usual, in the puzzle.



What famous King does this suggest to you?

Clues:—

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|----------------------------------|---------|---|-------|
| 1. Seas. | Across. | 1. Cooking vessels. | Down. |
| 6. Bird. | | 2. Tribe leaders. | |
| 7. Foolish. | | 3. Slippery fish. | |
| 9. Footwear. | | 4. Situated in the interior of a country. | |
| 11. Hidden name. | | 5. Sometimes used in milk puddings. | |
| 12. Afternoon. | | 7. Another name for the sun. | |
| 16. Unhappy. | | 8. Affirmative reply. | |
| 17. Short for "baronet." | | 10. Wicker basket with lid. | |
| 19. Quick. | | 12. Boy's name. | |
| 21. Ocean. | | 14. Fertile spot in desert. | |
| 22. You do this with your eyes. | | 15. Gone by. | |
| 23. To blunder. | | 18. A weed. | |
| 24. Express in another language. | | 20. Afternoon meal. | |
| | | 21. Same as 21 across. | |

to them. Then a handsome young Prince entered the room, and after watching the Kings, and the maid-of-honour for some time, he went over to the Princess.

"Go and help your poor Princess," he laughed. "She's looking at you with most pitiful eyes."

"Go and ask her if she'll marry you, and get her out of the difficulty that way," suggested the Princess.

"I don't think she would suit me," murmured the Prince. "I much prefer you, though you are only a maid-of-honour. Be kind—go and help her!"

Then the Princess laughed and confessed the trick she had played. Nobody was more surprised than the young Prince, but the Princess married him, and the two Kings went sadly away.

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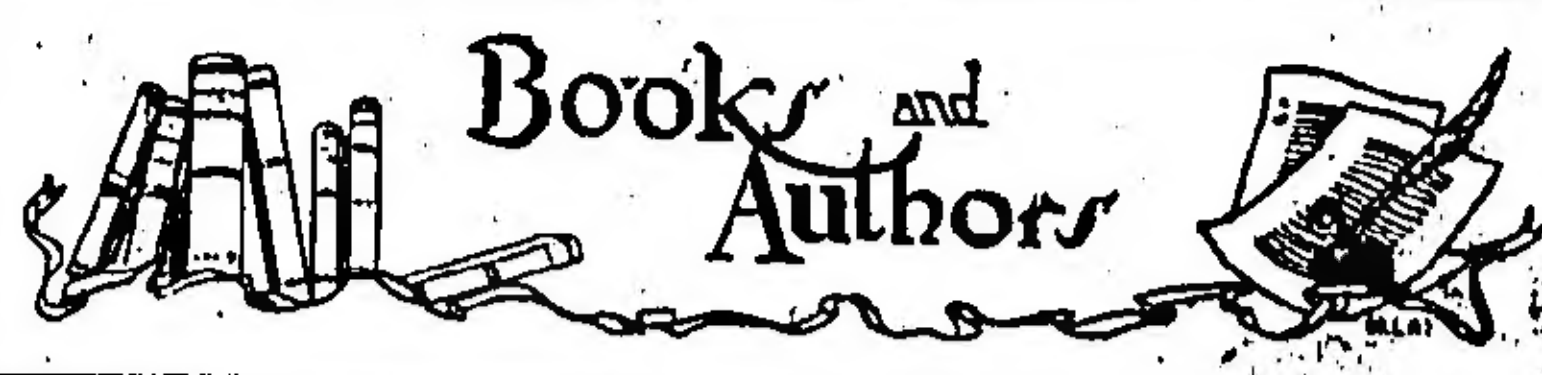
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STRANGEST LIBRARY.

Scrap Books Among Most
Interesting Volumes.

One of the strangest libraries in the world is housed in a by-way in Kensington, London. It runs into thousands of books, pamphlets and rare manuscripts, all concerned with one subject—the supernatural or its imitations. The oldest book in this library, which belongs to the National Laboratory of Psychological Research, dates from the middle of the fifteenth century, and the newest is still damp from the press. Between them lie the most complete collection of magical works ever made. The catalogue is full of such entries as—evil eye, sleight of hand, witchcraft, vampirism, human ostriches, sword swallowing, haunting, the devil. According to the director of the Laboratory, Mr. H. Pries, who contributes an article on the contents of the library, to John O'London's Weekly, there is a book on witches by James I, one of the most scholarly kings of England, in which he solemnly sets down the correct methods for their detection and punishment, and a logical treatise on demons by Jean Bodin, who in his saner moments was an economist and political philosopher of note. The first book on the survival of the dead ever published in England is another treasure of the library. It is a treatise "Of

Ghosts and Spirits walking by night," written by Lewis Lavater of London in 1672.

Books relating to psychic and other impostors naturally abound in the library of a society that seeks to get at the truth by exposing fraud, writes a correspondent to the Melbourne "Leader." Here one may read of the amazing case of Mary Tof, the "Guildford rabbit breeder," or "Princess Caraboo," the country serving wench who fooled half England, or the Yaxton demoniacs, the famous fast woman, and the pseudo-fakirs who stick themselves full of pins. There are chronicles of magnetic ladies whose strength-resisting feats appear marvellous until one knows how the tricks are done; and water spouters who could produce whole fountains from their internal economy.

Thought-reading tricks have puzzled the wise through the ages, but in this library one may see more than 200 codes employed to simulate telepathy and thought transference. Amongst them is the famous code used by the Zancigs, whose music-hall thought-reading act deceived all London. This code was so perfect that it enabled Zancig to describe almost any article handed to him by a member of the audience, so that his wife, who sat blindfold on the stage, could name it. Occasionally he was handed objects which could not be conveyed by the code, but he was a sufficiently good showman to extricate himself from these

difficulties without shaking the faith of the audience in his pseudo-psychic powers.

Scrap Books and Show Bills. Scrap books are amongst the most interesting volumes in this library. One contains 1,500 old play bills, letters, trade cards and almanacs once belonging to old time astrologers and other quacks. Even some letters from victims of these charlatans are preserved.

Show bills issued by the Davenport brothers, whose seances deceived the public for many years, can be seen in this library.

Library of Magic.

Almanacs and prophecies naturally have a place in a library of magic. One of the most interesting is "A Nunnes Prophecie, of the fall of Friers. Containing the Downfall of the Pope by the Unicorn of the West. Prophecie 300 years ago and fulfilled in this present age, 1615." Dean Swift was not the man to resist a fling at the Old Moors of his day, and one of the chief treasures of the library is his "Predictions for the year 1708," written under the pseudonym of Isaac Bickersstaff, to prevent the People of England being further imposed upon by Vulgar Almanack Makers." This was a hit at a quack named John Partridge, who brought out an annual almanac.

The famous Abrams rays, which the inventor claimed as a cure for all diseases, is one amongst the many box mysteries dealt with in the library and, of course, Joanna Southcott's amazing legacy is not forgotten. There is a collection of original letters from the archbishops of Great Britain, giving their views on its opening; and having read them, one may see the box itself, which was X-rayed before it was ceremoniously opened at the Church House, Westminster, four years ago.

ANSWER: NOT A LEMON, BUT
A NEW H.Q.

What can be done under most difficult circumstances by a keen Boy Scout Group is shown by the following story of the new Headquarters of the 1st Lemington Group of Boy Scouts, Northumberland.

In spite of living in one of the hardest hit districts in the depressed industrial area of Tyneside, and despite the fact that the local steel works were closed down six years ago; the glass works are on short time; one colliery is closed, and two others on short time, the 1st Lemington Group have built a new Scout Headquarters.

Known as "The Lemons," owing to their lemon-coloured scarves and stocking-tops, the Group, which consists of 18 Rover Scouts (senior Scouts over 17 years of age), 23 Boy Scouts, and 31 Wolf Cubs (Junior Scouts, 8 to 12), decided a year ago that new Headquarters were necessary.

By various means they have since raised £65. One Rover Scout

drew the plans; another carried out the electric installation, and the boys themselves have done every scrap of work in erecting the new building, including foundations, concrete steps, fireplaces and necessary seating. The result is a commodious Headquarters 60 feet by 25 feet with an additional room as a Rover Scout Den.

The Scouts are now putting the finishing touches to their home by lining the inside with three-ply wood.

Another Group in the same area, the 1st Sully Sea Scout Group, has recently converted an old rifle range on the banks of the Tyne into a snug headquarters.

These two Scout Groups have thus, under abnormal local conditions, efficiently proved the value of Scout training.

FROM TIME-SERVING TO
CHARACTER-SERVING.

An old jail leased from the county council is now headquarters for the Boy Scouts of Cloverdale, B.C.

RED INDIAN JAMBOREE VISITOR
DEAD.

A member of the Canadian Boy Scout contingent to the great world gathering of Scouts, the Coming-of-Age Jamboree at Birkenhead, in England in 1929, who attracted much attention, has died in the person of Scout Bob Grey of British Columbia.

As a "genuine Red Indian and the son of a chief," many British boys sought the Canadian camp to meet Scout Grey and take his picture.

Grey led the Indian dances which were a popular feature of the display given by the Canadian in the great amphitheatre.

"THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK."

"Many a false step is made by standing still."

FAMOUS ADMIRAL AS
SEA SCOUT.

Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Roger Keyes, famous for his services during the Great War, especially in connection with the Dover Patrol and the operations against Zeppelins off St. George's Day, 1918, has become Assistant County Commissioner for Sea Scouts in Buckinghamshire.

ROUND THE LOCAL
CINEMAS.What Mail Reviewers
Say.

"BAD GIRL."

Whether or not you will be interested in the Fox film of "Bad Girl," which comes to the KING'S Theatre to-morrow, will depend on what kind of a film fan you are.

If you are one of that legion of people who are followers of particular "stars"—because so-and-so is in it, it must be good! sort of fan—you will not care, because there are no "stars" in "Bad Girl." You will not care, that is, until someone tells you what a peach of a picture it is. Then you will go to satisfy your curiosity, and come away feeling pleased that you have seen it. Believe me, this is just what will happen to you if you go to see "Bad Girl" and my advice is "Go, in spite of what misgivings you may have."

"Bad Girl" is a picture acted by ordinary people (other than "stars" that is) for ordinary people, and the story is one of ordinary everyday life which can happen to ordinary people, not a story of the fantastic, fairy-tale variety of which we have had too much. I won't tell the story here so as not to spoil your enjoyment of the picture.

About the only thing I got against the picture is its name, "Bad Girl." I fail to see where the girl that matters in the picture is "bad." In fact, at the start, I thought she was "naughty," and later I found her a little "naughty," but "bad," positively, "No." However, "what's in a name?" Having explained away the title, you can now feel assured that there is nothing in the picture which will shock your moral, so "go to it!"

—JAY.

From Official Sources.

"FIVE AND TEN."

A little thing like a sprained ankle can't keep Marion Davies from work.

The Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer star suffered a severe wrench to her right ankle while playing tennis one morning, but appeared for work on time after having the injury bound up by a surgeon. It was not until late in the afternoon when she began to limp that Director Robert Z. Leonard learned of the mishap and postponed further work on "Five and Ten" for the day.

"A FREE SOUL."

Love is essential to life—which is why it is essential to drama. For drama, to be true, must be life. So says Norma Shearer, star of "A Free Soul," which will come to-morrow to the Queen's Theatre.

The Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer star, who plays a woman seeking "freedom" in the new picture and finds that it leads only to disaster, portrays a girl who tries to love attending the school.

two men at once—without success. An elaborate cast supports the star with Leslie Howard as the millionaire sportman, Lionel Barrymore as the lawyer father, Clark Gable as the gambler, James Gleason as the amusing bodyguard and Lucy Beaumont as the aristocratic grandmother.

"HUSH MONEY."

Because successful racketeers live like millionaires, frequent the places wealth does, and, until their game is exposed, mingle with the best society is the reason that "Hush Money," a Fox production directed by Sidney Lanfield, co-starring Joan Bennett and Hardie Albright, now at the King's Theatre, was filmed for the audible screen.

Owen Moore is a debonair, suave, gentleman with a faculty of meeting the best people and then trimming them. Joan Bennett, almost on the verge of starvation through circumstances, is taken in by Moore and is forced to become one of the gang. C. Henry Gordon is associated with Moore and conducts his fake detective agency on the side. Hardie Albright is co-featured with Joan Bennett as her husband.

"LASCA."

"Lasca of the Rio Grande," Universal's straight-shooting, Spanish-flavoured romance of the Mexican border, will be the next attraction at the Central Theatre, with Leo Carrillo, John Mack Brown, Dorothy Burgess and Slim Summerville in its principal roles.

Based upon the Frank Desprez poem, "Lasca," the story concerns a dark-eyed senorita of the dance-halls, a tenderly murderous half-breed cattle owner who likes his women beautiful, and a handsome Texas Ranger in love.

The picture is packed to the brim with hard-riding bellowing guns, lilting Spanish melodies, and romantic scenes, and is a photographic classic, according to reports. There is a thrilling cattle stampede, a rousing gun-fight between the half-breed's none-too-careful sharpshooters and the Rangers, and some of the season's choicest comedy, furnished by Slim Summerville and Frank Campeau.

Leo Carrillo, suave star of the stage and screen, appears an ideal Jose. Santa Cruz, Lasca's half Portuguese, half Indian admirer, Dorothy Burgess, sensation of "In Old Arizona" and a host of hits, is Lasca. The erstwhile All-American football star and featured player of "Coquette," "Billy the Kid," "Montana Moon" and "Our Dancing Daughters," John Mack Brown, is seen as the strapping Texas Ranger.

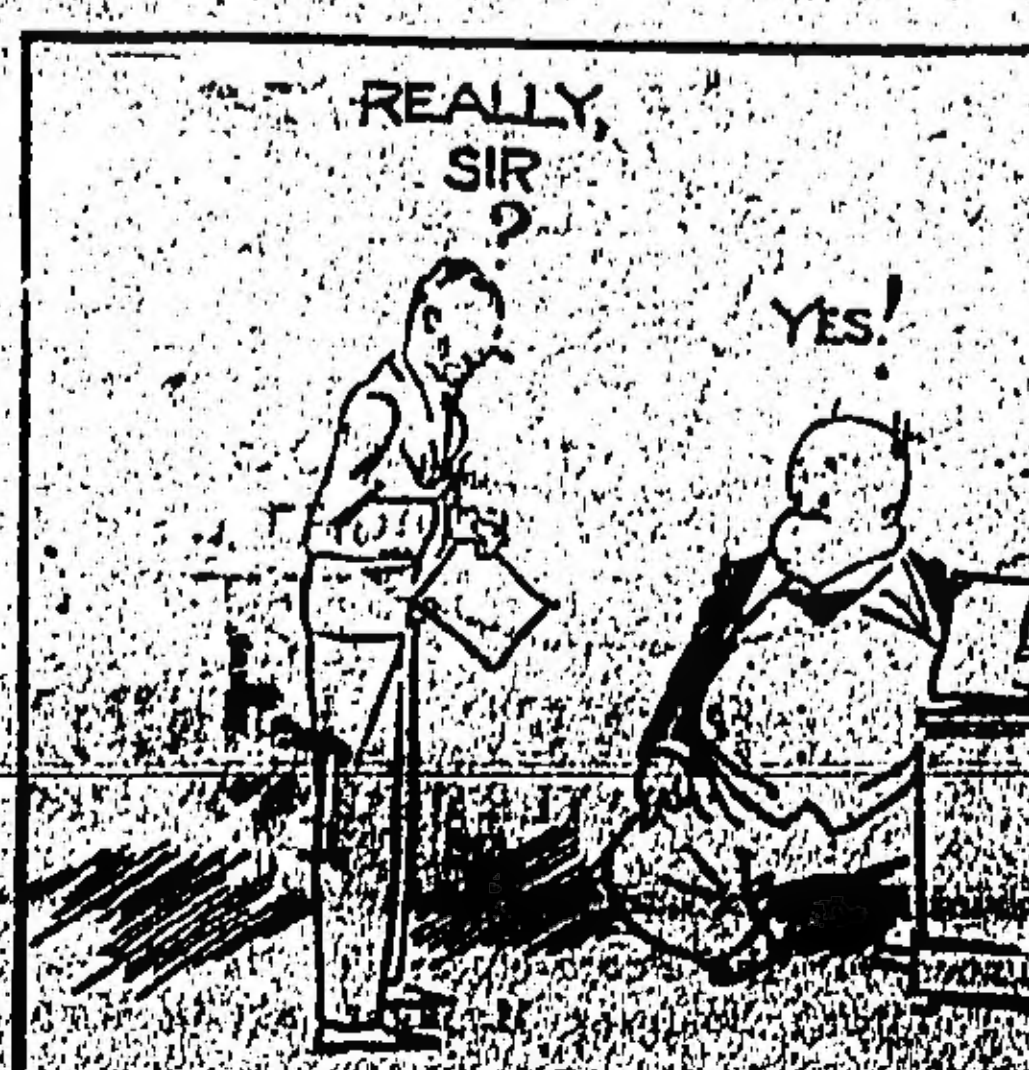
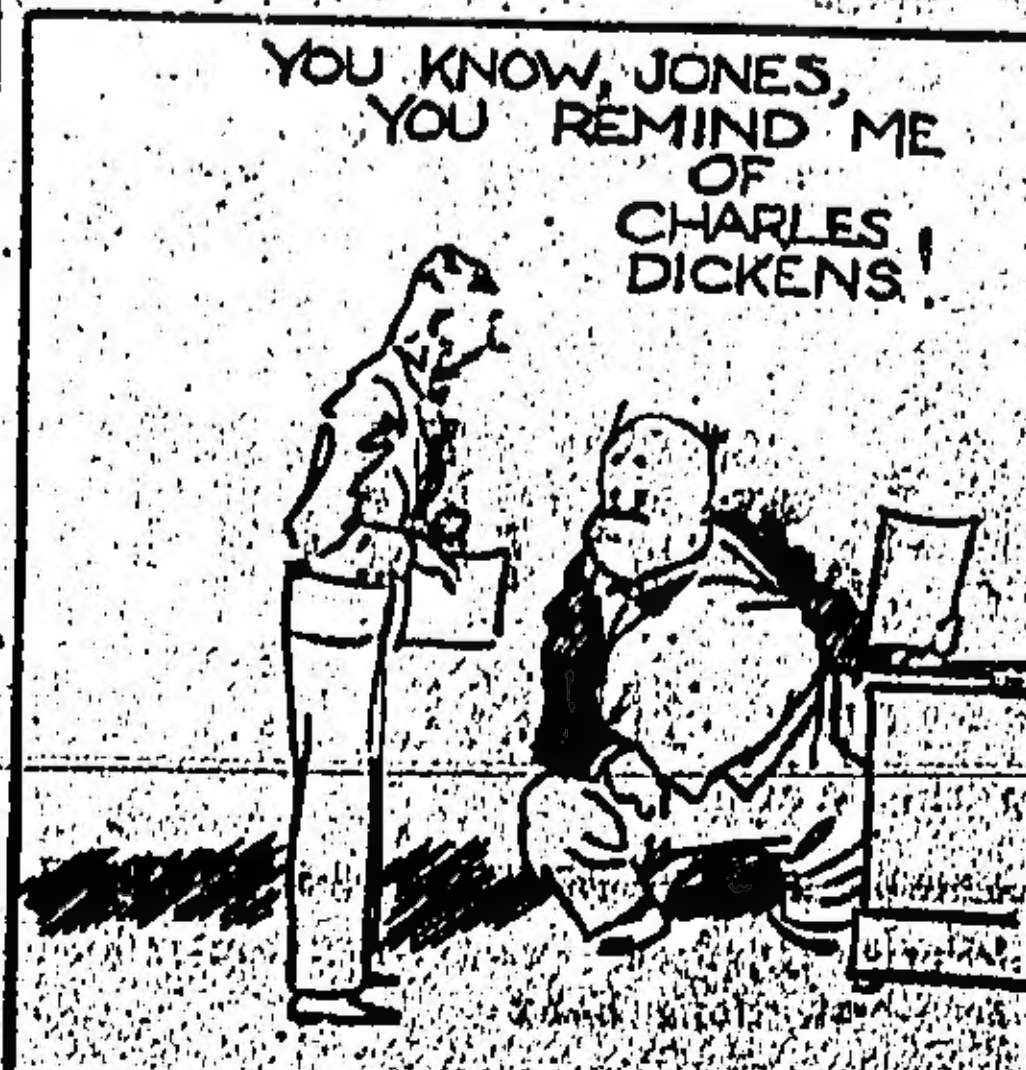
SCHOOL'S RECORD FOR TWINS.

The head master of the village school at Blackrod, near Bolton, claims that the number of twins he has as scholars constitutes a record for a village school.

Although there are less than 150 scholars at the school they include six pairs of twins, and a few months ago there were seven pairs of twins attending the school.

POP — To-morrow He'll Look Like Sinclair Lewis.

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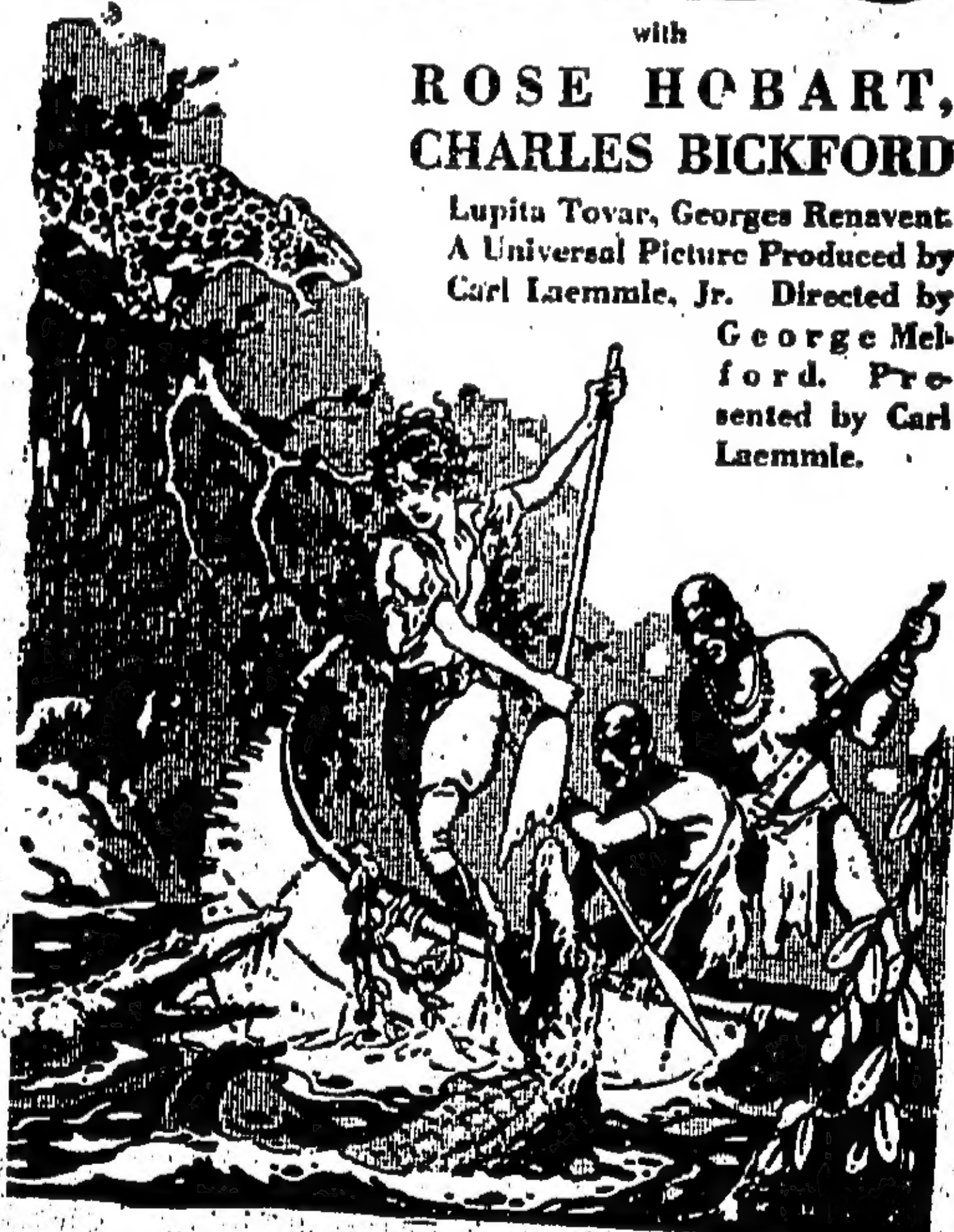
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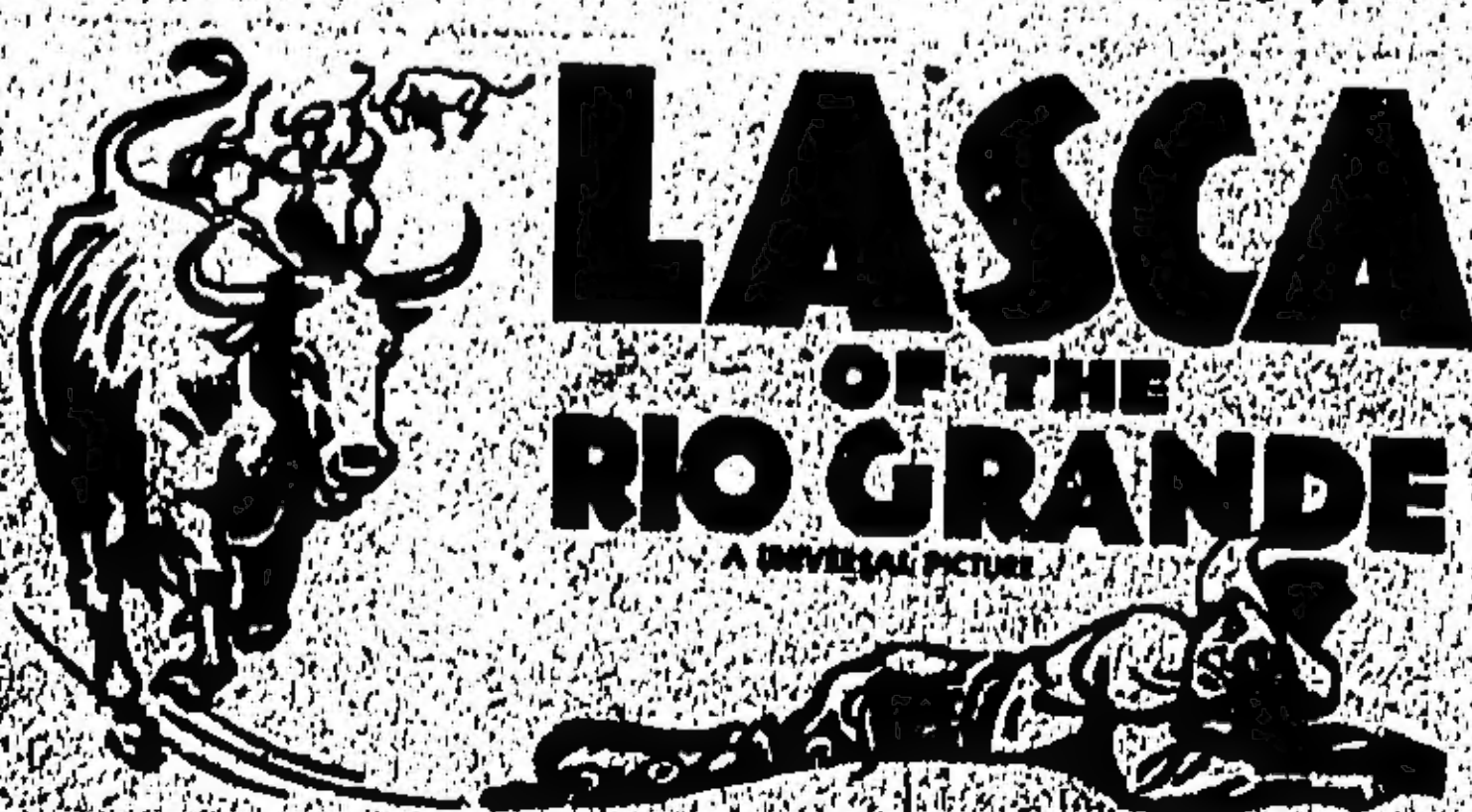
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Madrid, Dec. 22.
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has been the luck of the Spanish
Treasury, which drew the first
prize of 5375,000 in the Spanish
Christmas lottery, the winning
ticket, No. 24717, being among the
few thousand unsold tickets. The
Treasury also drew other prizes
amounting to about 250,000 in all.
The gamblers are much disgrunt-
led over the Treasury's luck, but
the Minister of Finance, Senor
Carnar, says that the State wel-
comes this windfall very warmly,
especially in the present circum-
stances.

The present case of the big
Christmas prize going to the
Spanish Treasury is unique in the
history of the lottery.

Politicians say the Republic has
had better luck still in the fact that
stock values are steadily rising on
the Government's declaration that
it will not pass any more social
laws until the Budget has been
balanced.

The amount of money "in-
vested" in this year's Christ-
mas lottery was much be-
low the figure in recent years
owing to the stagnation of trade.
Formerly all the Christmas lottery
tickets issued were sold out many
days before the draw, whereas this
year some 8,000 tickets were un-
sold.

Ex-King's Lost Chance.

The second prize was won by a
number of players of the Seville
Football Club. The fourth prize of
225,000 went to Tenerife (Canary
Islands), the fifth prize of 18,750
to a private citizen of Madrid.

The draw took place at the
Spanish Mint, which was besieged
by tens of thousands of people all
anxious to hear the results. Some
of the ticket-holders took up their
positions in the queue ten days ago.

The luck of the Spanish Treasury
in the first lottery held under the
Republic is more remarkable from
the fact that had the money been
drawn under the monarchy the
prize-money would have gone to the
King. During ex-King Alfonso's
reign he used to be entitled to hold
the first and last tickets issued in
every lottery throughout the year,
but he never drew any important
prize. The Christmas lottery was
first instituted in 1815.

Britishwoman's Luck.

The windfall for the State in the
Spanish lottery is explained by the
fact that all tickets, sold or unsold,
go into the draw.

A British woman residing on
the Rio Tinto Company's copper
estate in Andalusia is reported to
have won 10,000. She held a
twentieth share of ticket No.
21,566, which won the second prize.
Tickets in the lottery cost 250
each, but may be bought in
twentieth fractions. These in turn
are often shared by thousands of
eager subscribers whose contribu-
tions range down to the smallest
sums.

BOAT TRAIN TRAGEDY.

Man Shot Dead With
Novel Weapons.

A well-dressed man of 27 was
found shot dead in a corridor
compartment of the Channel
Islands boat train when it ar-
rived at Yeovil from Weymouth.
There was a wound in the head
and near the body was a gun
which had been fired electrically.
It consisted of a brass tube, one
end of which had been fired by an
electric spark.

Papers on the body lead the
authorities to suppose that the
man's name was Frank W.
Bentron and that he came from
Jersey. A note in the possession
of the police may throw some
light on the tragedy.

FINE TO CLOUDY.

The weather report issued
by the Royal Observatory this
morning states:—The anti-
cyclone is central to the S.W.
of Peking, and nearly
stationary.
Forecast:—N.E. winds, mo-
derate; fine to cloudy.

THE SILENT PARROT.

Judge's Test In
Court.

Judge Herbert Smith ordered a
green parrot to be brought into
Yarmouth County Court in order to
test its ability to sing whistle and
talk. It had been bought for 25
because it was said to possess all
three accomplishments.

In court however it sat in front
of the judge and did not utter a
sound.

His honour asked the vendor to
make the bird talk but he declined
to do so. He was invited to make
it whistle but he refused to make
any attempt saying he would not
have the bird back for 2500.

The buyer said that the bird had
been dumb ever since he had it.
The seller told him it would even
speak Portuguese.

Fifty shillings deposit was paid
on the parrot and the judge told the
buyer he would permit him to coun-
ter-claim this amount. He gave
judgment for him with costs, and
also judgment on a claim against
him for the second instalment of the
purchase price.

The judge warned the seller not
to try any more tricks of this kind
again, and ordered him to take the
bird away.

He refused to do this, and the
judge told him that if he did not
make up his mind in two minutes he
would dispose of the parrot.

The dealer reluctantly took the
bird.

One of the most depressing sights
is to see umpires going out to in-
spect the wicket and one of the most
impressive to see a team of football-
ers just as keen to play as the
spectators are to watch. Our won-
derful Summer climate did more to
impress the necessity for extending
the football season than increasing
interest in cricket.—C. E. Sutcliffe.

TIME FROM LIGHT.

Clocks Plugged to Any
Electric Socket.

ACCURACY IN RUNNING.

The development of the elec-
tricity grid scheme, now nearing
completion, in Britain has
brought with it a secondary ad-
vantage which may become a big
factor in domestic and business
circles — namely, the dissemina-
tion of correct time.

Clocks are now on the market
which can be plugged into any
convenient electric socket and
will run indefinitely and give
Greenwich time to within a few
seconds a month — an accuracy
only obtainable with the highest
class mechanical clocks. They
require no winding or attention,
they will work in any position,
and are independent of tempera-
ture and climatic conditions.

They will run 5,000 hours or
more for the cost of one unit of
electricity, and are cheap to buy.
Their time-keeping is controlled
by the frequency or number of
times per second which the cur-
rent reverses its direction.

Before the coming of the grid,
each electrical generating sta-
tion supplied its own locality,
and the exact frequency did not
matter. A station supposed to
be delivering current with a
periodicity of 50 could generate
at 49 or 51 without causing trou-
ble. Such a supply was, how-
ever, useless for the control of
clocks, because a deviation of
one cycle per second from stand-
ard caused a gain or loss of over
one minute an hour — an error
which could not be tolerated.

Same Frequency.

To-day, however, matters are
different. All stations are linked
by the grid, and for technical
reasons it is essential that they
all have exactly the same fre-
quency. The standard in Britain
is 50 cycles per second, and in-
struments have been devised to
maintain it correct within 1-500
of 1 per cent, and this ac-
curacy is reflected in all clocks
connected to the mains.

The synchronous clocks, as
they are called, are simple in
construction, and a number of
firms in Britain are working hard
to cope with the demand for
them.

COW ATTACKED BY VULTURES.

At the farm Kaalfontein in
the Krugersdorp magisterial dis-
trict, an unusual incident oc-
curred resulting in a cow having
to be destroyed by the owner. Two
large vultures swooped down on
the cow which was lying on the
veld within sight of the farm-
house. The animal was in a
weak state and had a calf stand-
ing near by. The vultures at-
tacked the cow and so badly in-
jured it that it had to be shot
soon afterwards, says Reuter.
It is only on very rare occasions
that vultures have been known
to attack live animals.

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Her Father Had Millions!

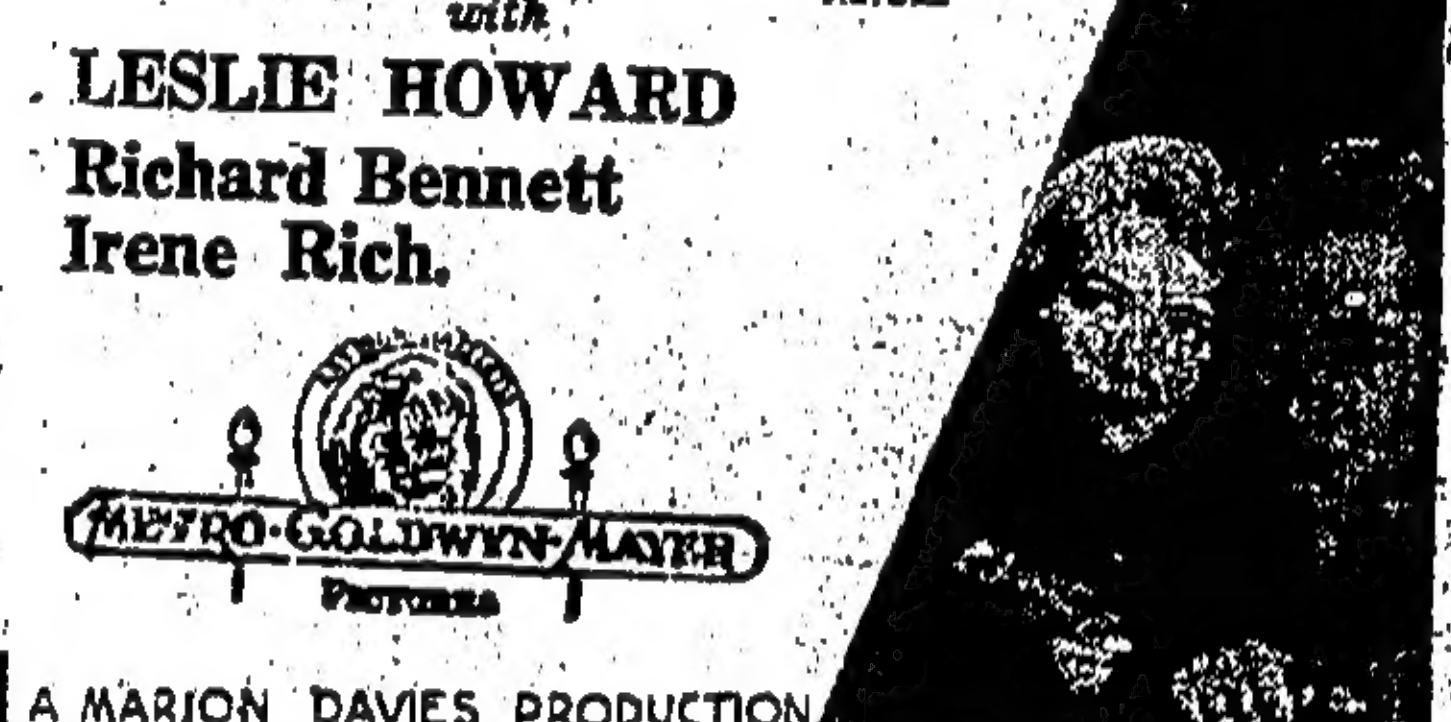
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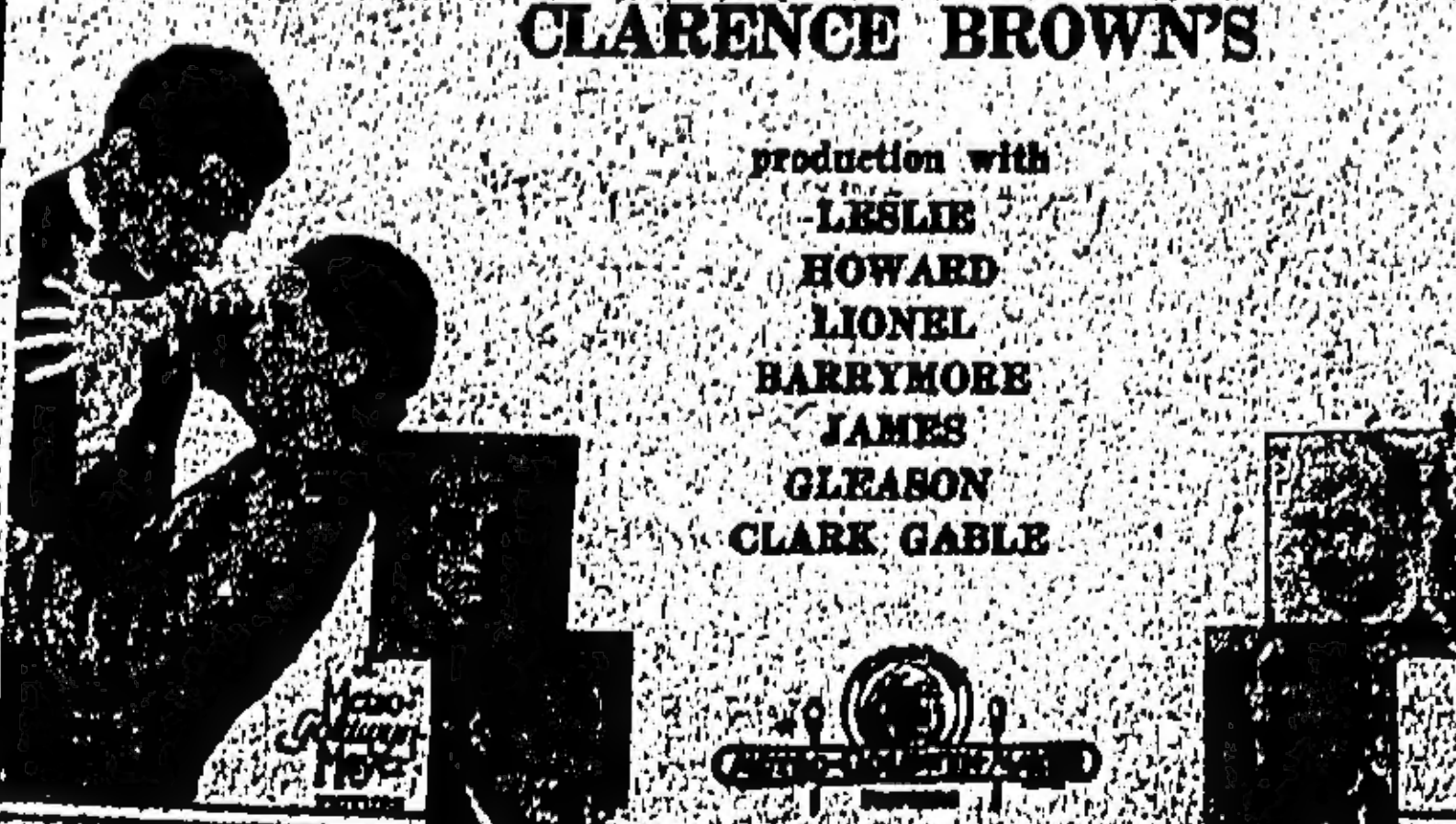


See what happens when
that freedom drags her
down into the underworld
of crime!

The star of "Strangers
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greatest height now!

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in
A FREE SOUL
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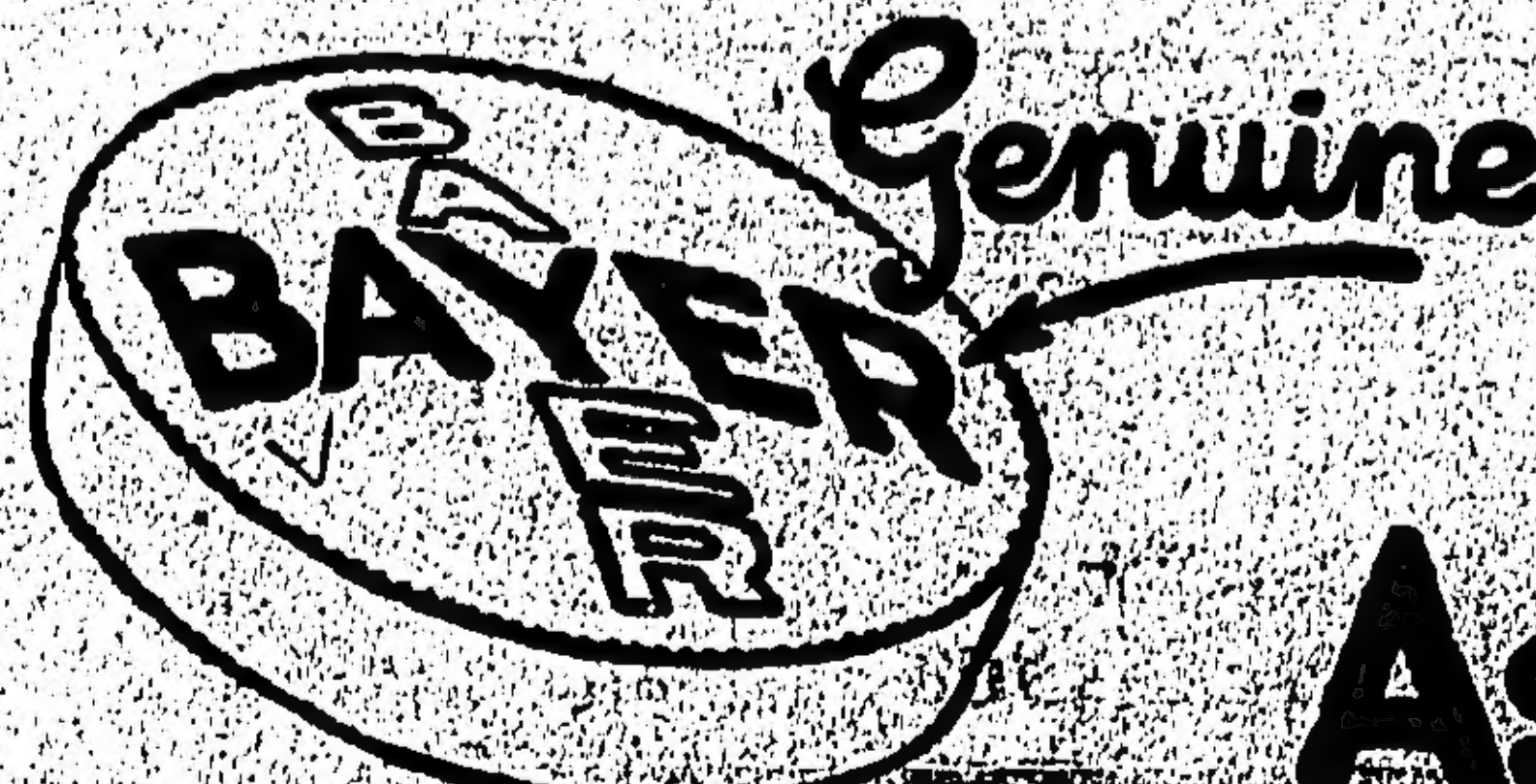
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